OBITUARIES

BLANCHE I. EDWARDS

Blanche I. Edwards, 78, Kansas City, Kan., died Tuesday, May 26, 1992, at Trinity Lutheran Hospital. She was the sister of John Rawlins of Independence.

Her survivors also include her husband, Ellis Edwards of the home; two stepsons, Army Reserve Lt. Col. Britt Edwards, St. Louis, and Barry Edwards, Los Angeles; two stepdaughters, Bonnie Baumberger, Springfield, Mo., and Linda Graham, Madison, Wis.; two other brothers, Lynn Rawlins, Wellington, Kan., and Burr Rawlins, Kansas City; and seven grandchildren.

Services were today at Newcomer's Overland Park Chapel; burial in Maple Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, Kan.

JOSEPH R. HURST SR.

Joseph R. Hurst Sr., 96, Merriam, Kan., died Tuesday, May 26, 1992, at the Independence Regional Health Center.

Mr. Hurst worked for Commerce Trust Co. for 51 years, retiring as a controller in 1963. He was president of the Kansas City chapter of the National Association of Bank Auditors and Controllers in 1932-33, was chairman of the administrative division of the local American Red Cross chapter from 1943 to 1953 and was chairman of the accounting division of the Community Chest for 10 years and was its director from 1955 to 1961.

His survivors include a daughter, Virginia L. McCurry, Merriam; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be noon Friday at the Noland Road Baptist Church; burial in Grantville (Kan.) Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 to 8:30 tonight at the Muehlebach Chapel, Kansas City. The family suggests contributions to the church.

MASTER SGT.

PAUL D. JACKSON

Retired Army Master Sgt. Paul Dean Jackson, 84, Independence, died Wednesday, May 27, 1992, at a hospital in Sedalia, Mo.

Master Sgt. Jackson was born in Sperry, Iowa, and lived in this area most of his life. He was in the Army for 20 years, retiring in 1951. He was a veteran of World War II. He later worked for the Social Security Administration. He owned Jackson Jewelry in Independence in 1954 and 1955. His wife, Georgia Jackson, died in 1985.

His survivors include two stepdaughters, Marie Peters, Independence, and Frances Starke, Florence, Mo.; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Friday at Floral Hills Cemetery, Kansas City. The family suggests contributions to the Alzheimer's Association.

JOHNNY OJEDA

Johnny Ojeda, 46, Kansas City, died Wednesday, May 27, 1992, at the home.

His survivors include a son, John J. Ojeda, a daughter, Juanita Theresa Ojeda, his father, Joseph Ojeda Sr., three brothers, Joseph Ojeda Jr., Augustine Ojeda and Ralph Terry Ojeda, and three sisters, Porfiria Sandoval, Mary Louise Ojeda and Patricia Ann Ojeda, all of Kansas City; and two granddaughters.

Services will be 9 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Kansas City; burial in Woodward Cemetery.

Services may call from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the McGilley Midtown Chapel, Kansas City, where scripture services will be at 11 a.m. The family suggests contributions to the dialysis center at Menorah Medical Center.

RICHARD V. RENNISON


Mr. Rennison was born in Pilot Grove, Mo., and lived in Independence most of his life. He was a welder at the General Motors Leeds assembly plant, retiring in 1966. He was a member of Local 93 of the United Auto Workers union. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Swope Park Masonic Lodge and the York Rite Masonry and was a past provost of Ararat Shrine.

His survivors include a sister, Pearl Francis, Blackwater, Mo.; a granddaughter; and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Newcomer's Noland Road Chapel; graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Peninsular Cemetery, Blackwater. Friends may call from 8 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the chapel, where Masonic services will be at 7 p.m.

VERA R. THOMAS


Mrs. Thomas was born in McPherson, Kan., and lived in Independence most of her life. She was a secretary and broker for the Thomas Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Co. for 35 years, retiring in 1973. She was a member of the Eastern Jackson County Board of Realtors and was past secretary of the Independence Insurance Agents Association in Kansas City. She was a charter member and past president of the Independence Young Matrons. She was a member of the Valley Victorian Society, the Bingham-Waggner Society and the Community Association of the Arts. She was a member of the Stone Church RLDs congregation.

Her survivors include a brother, Wayne Willard, Independence; and a sister, Florence Dilley, Lee's Summit.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Friday at Woodlawn Cemetery. The family suggests contributions to the Valley Victorian Society or the Bingham-Waggner Society.