

Obituaries

Ruth Grace Gowan, 83

Ruth Grace Meusner Gowan, 83, of Boonville, died Thursday, May 20, 1999 at the University of Missouri Medical Center in Columbia. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at the William Wood Funeral Home in Boonville with the Rev. Marvin Albright officiating. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers were Tony Gowan, Troy Gowan, Stuart Clark, Blake Brooks, Bradley Brooks, and Clark Williamson.

Ruth Grace Gowan was born June 21, 1915 at St. Louis, Mo., the daughter of Julius Gus and Sophia Drees Meusner. She married James Robert Gowan on Dec. 31, 1931 at St. Louis. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Gowan had lived in the community since 1938. She was a member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Boonville.

Surviving are two sons, James R. Gowan, Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz. and Jerome D. Gowan of LaVista, Neb.; two daughters, Dorothy G. Marshall of Boonville and Susan D. Brooks of Columbia; 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers and two sisters.

Memorials are suggested to the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Boonville.

Floyd L. Bishop

Floyd L. Bishop, of Los Angeles, Calif., died Wednesday, April 7, 1999. Mr Bishop was cremated April 14, 1999 and his memorial service will be held in Tombstone, Arizona on Sunday, May 30, 1999.

Mr. Bishop was born on June 2, 1935 in Boonville, the son of Raymond and Thelma Bishop. He attended Laura Speed Elliot High School, graduating in 1953. He married Beverly Ann Trees on Aug. 21, 1953. Mr. Bishop was a veteran of the Korean War, where he served in the U.S. Navy. He joined his father at the Boonville Public Works Department after returning from the service, and was appointed Superintendent on March 3, 1965 following his father's death.

Mr. Bishop is survived by his wife, Beverly, and their two sons, David R. Bishop, of Gilbert, Ariz., and Gregory L. Bishop, of Los Angeles, Calif., his sister, Mrs. Kenneth (Helen) Huth, of Boonville; and two grandsons.

Hayden M. Bottoms, 86

Hayden Meredith Bottoms, 86, of Prairie Home, died Thursday at Cooper County Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday at the Prairie Home Baptist Church. Burial was at Providence Cemetery. Pallbearers were Lanny Lucas, John Hayden Lucas, Kelly Bottoms, Kenneth Lucas, Terry Lucas and Michael Bottoms. Honorary pallbearers were Samuel Hayden Hoyt, David Lucas, Tom Lucas, Chance Lucas, Johnathan Lucas, Colin M. Bottoms, Derek Lucas, Colin M. Bottoms, Kolton M. Weibusch, Hayden Eichelberger and Taylor R. Burlison.

Hayden Meredith Bottoms was born Sept. 4, 1912 in Cooper County, Missouri, the son of Oliver Franklin and Hattie Belle Adair Bottoms. He married Agnes Virginia Wingate Aug. 21, 1935. He was a member of the Prairie Home Baptist Church. He was a graduate of the Prairie Home High School, was a truck driver and owned and operated several service stations over the years. He was also a bus driver for the Prairie Home School District.

Surviving is his wife, Agnes Bottoms, a resident of Riverdell Care Center in Boonville; two daughters, Shirley Lucas of Prairie Home, and Becky Weston of Columbia; one son, Larry Bottoms of Jefferson City; 10 grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one foster grandchild; two foster grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; three step-great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Francis Smothers and Mrs. John (Wanda) Agnew both of New Franklin; three brothers, William S. Bottoms, of Billings, Mont., Don C. Bottoms, of Leavenworth, Kan., and Harry Truman Bottoms, of Marlton, N.J.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Dorsey, O.F., Jr., Lewis C. and John Bottoms; and four sisters, Judy, Betty, Gertrude and Marsha.

Memorials are suggested to the Prairie Home Baptist Church.

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