Obituaries

Ralph R. Purdy, 94

Ralph Raymond Purdy, 94, of Boonville, Mo., died Saturday, October 19, 2002 at Ashley Manor in Boonville. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, October 22 at 2 p.m. at William Wood Funeral Home in Boonville, with Rev. Paula Ritchie officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday evening at the funeral home. Burial in Peninsula Cemetery near Blackwater, Mo.

Mr. Purdy was born May 6, 1908 in Glenstead, Mo., the son of Franklin and Mary Williams Purdy. He married Frances Stone September 24, 1932 in Boonville. He worked at the Tipton Manufacturing Company for many years. He was a contributor to the Friends of Historic Boonville and to the Arrow Rock Historical Society. He loved and played music all his life.

Survivors include two sons, David Purdy of Pilot Grove, Mo. and Jim Purdy of Phoenix, Ariz.; four daughters, Joan Murphy of Boonville, Linda Stockton of Sedalia, Mo., Judy Crowley of Boonville, and Dixie Bennett of Boonville; 20 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents, and four brothers.

The family suggests memorials to Ashley Manor, c/o William Wood Funeral Home, 517 Fourth Street, Boonville, Mo., 65233.

Charles N. Clingenpeel, 81

Charles N. Clingenpeel, 81, of Woodbury, Conn., formerly of Fayette, Mo., died February 25, 2002 at Watertbury Hospital. Private graveside services will be held at Fayette Cemetery on Wednesday, October 23 under the direction of Carr-Yager Funeral Home in Fayette.

Mr. Clingenpeel was born June 23, 1920 in Boonville, Mo., the son of Clarence A. and Kathryn Ann Ginn Clingenpeel. He was raised and attended schools in Fayette. He graduated from Central Methodist College with a degree in economics. After graduation, he entered the V-5 program and graduated as an ensign from Northwestern University. He then entered the U.S. Navy and served in the South Pacific during World War II. In 1945, he moved to New York City, where he worked for Union Carbide Corp. and became director of finance for Southeast Asia. He was a trustee of Riverside Church in New York City. After retiring, he moved to Woodbury, where he lived until his death. He was a member of the Woodbury Board of Finance, a choir member at First Congregational Church, volunteered at the church’s thrift shop, was a driver for F.I.S.H., and volunteered in preparing tax returns for the elderly. He was also a member of the Connecticut Choral Society.

He is survived by two brothers, J.D. Clingenpeel of Lee’s Summit, Mo., and Paul Clingenpeel of Overland Park, Kan.; and a sister, Kathryn Sue Lay of Springfield, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family suggests memorials to the First Congregational Church, Woodbury, Conn., c/o Carr-Yager Funeral Home, 204 N. Linn Street, Fayette, Mo., 65248.