Obituaries

Helen Bruce, 84

Helen Bruce, 84, of Boonville, Mo., passed away Tuesday, August 17, 2004 at the Cooper County Memorial Hospital in Boonville. Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 21, 2004 at the Thacher Funeral Home in Boonville, with Rev. Harv Sanders officiating. Pallbearers will be Kenneth Townley, Martin Johns, William Johns, David Vaughn, Brent Coffman, Kenneth White and Daniel Stallbaum. Visitation will be Friday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Friends may call after 1 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

Helen was born in Sandy Hook, Mo. on June 7, 1920 to Claud and Della Tharp. She was married to James M. Bruce in California, Mo. who preceded her in death.

Her career began with the United Telephone Company in 1949 and she retired from Southwestern Bell in St. Louis on June 9, 1984.

Helen is survived by a daughter-in-law, Jean Bruce of Burton; Mich.; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two nieces--Bonnie Seifert and Sandy Coffman of Wooldridge.

She was preceded in death by sister, Cleve Coffman of Wooldridge and her brother Arthur Tharp of Owensville. A daughter, Judith Ann White of Jefferson City, Mo.; and a son, James Arthur Bruce of Burton, Mich.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Thacher Funeral Home.

Norbert W. Langkop, 48

Norbert William Langkop, 48, died Tuesday, August 17, 2004, in Red Oak, Texas. Visitation will be at the Meisenheimer Funeral Home in Tipton, Friday, August 20, 2004, from 5 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be held at the Meisenheimer Funeral Home, Saturday, August 21, 2004 at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Paul Posey officiating services. Burial in the Bunceton Masonic Cemetery in Bunceton, Mo.

Pallbearers will be Carol Kliethermes, Steve Klietheremes, Dale Combs, Lori Combs, Mark Layne, and Barry Combs.

Mr. Langkop was born February 2, 1956 to Dorothy and Norbert E. Langkop. He grew up and attended schools in the communities of Syracuse, Ottville, and Tipton, Mo.

He graduated from Tipton High School in 1974 and was the sales manager for Applied Equipment in Dallas. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends in Texas and Missouri.

Mr. Langkop is survived by two children, Sam and Amanda Langkop of Red Oak, Texas; his father, Norbert Langkop, and step-mother, Wilma Langkop of Fortuna, Mo. He is also survived by his companion, Michelle Cashman of Red Oak; and his sister, Gayle Potter.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Langkop Children's Education Fund, in care of Gayle Potter, and sent to the Meisenheimer Funeral Home in Tipton.