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Phillip H. Bergman, 1924-2006, Pilot Grove

Phillip Harold Bergman, 81, of Pilot Grove, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at Katy Manor Nursing Home in Pilot Grove.

He was born Oct. 23, 1924, in Pleasant Green, a son of Phillip Adam and Mary Aleene Steele Bergman. In 1947, in Sedalia, he was married to Isla M. Hayes, who died July 16, 1982.

Mr. Bergman was a longtime resident of Katy Manor Nursing Home. He was an Army veteran, serving in Korea. After he received an honorable discharge, he worked for a funeral ambulance service in the Kansas City area. He later worked for the Missouri Pacific Railroad in the freight terminal, where he met his wife. He went to work for the Civil Service in 1955. He was the Whiteman Air Force Base supply supervisor, retiring in 1981 with more than 25 years of service. He enjoyed talking to his neighbors, fishing and caring for his cat, Sampson.

Surviving are three daughters, Harolyn Benner, of Lampe, Zana Bergman, of Sedalia, and Lori Pike, of Bonner Springs, Kan.; three sons, Gilbert Bergman, of Kansas City, Max Bergman, of Raytown, and Darren Bergman, of Fort Worth, Texas; three brothers, Earl Bergman, of Independence, Charles Bergman, of Oxford, Kan., and Donnie Bergman, of Sedalia; four sisters, Marjorie Reed, of Hughesville, Md., Betty Creager, of Independence, Connie Smith and Elsie Janney, both of Sedalia; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ewing-Schutte-Semler Funeral Home, with the Rev. R. Hoehne officiating. Pallbearers will be Alvin Smith, Sterling Howard, Dennis VanBaale, Willard Kalthoff, Rhonnie Bergman and Chris Bergman. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Katy Manor Residents Fund.