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OTTERVILLE — Mrs. Bernice Louise Smith, 54, died at the home of her parents here Monday afternoon.

She was born Aug. 29, 1918, at Otterville, daughter of Andy and Maggie Cooper Nelson. She was married July 22, 1944, to Virgil Smith, at Sedalia, and he survives, of the home.

She spent her entire life in the Otterville area, where she was a member and treasurer of Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are two aunts.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday at the Taylor Chapel with the Rev. Thomas E. Davis officiating.

✓ Burial was in Otterville Cemetery.

INDEPENDENCE — Leland W. Rasa, 50, died Sunday at the Sanitarium Hospital here.

He was born on Aug. 22, 1922, in Florence, son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Rasa.

Mr. Rasa, a World War II veteran, was employed at the Jerome Painting Co. here. He was a member of Painters Local 9 and the Evangelical Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs.

Mary L. Rasa, of the home; a step-daughter, Mrs. Cathy Godfrey, Kansas City; his mother, Mrs. Mabel Rasa, 818 East Fifth, Sedalia; three sisters, Mrs. Beulah Burnett, Otterville; Mrs. Leanna Horn, Route 4, Sedalia; and Mrs. Janice Ryn, Birmingham, Mo.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Carson Funeral Chapel, Independence.

Burial was at Mount Washington Cemetery, Independence. ✓

OTTERVILLE — Funeral services for Woodson Lee Wear, 96, who died at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in a Jefferson City Hospital, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Presbyterian Church here with the Rev. John Treece officiating.

Survivors include one brother, Thorton Ware, Otterville.

Music will be provided by Steve Allison, Mrs. Rosemarie Dick and Mrs. Cecelia Dunham, accompanied by Mrs. Ann Zumsteg, organist.

Pallbearers will be nephews.

The family received friends at the Conn Funeral Home from Friday night until noon Saturday, when the body will be taken to the church.

Burial will be in the Otterville IOOF Cemetery. ✓

IBERIA — Everett Jones, Sr., 78, died Saturday evening at his home here.

He was born Feb. 18, 1894, in Iberia, son of the late Manassah and Sarah Auft Jones. On Nov. 9, 1913 he married the former Miss Emma Rowden, who preceded him in death June 12, 1967.

Mr. Jones, a former employe of the Miller County Highway Department, was a member of the Iberia Church of the Nazarine and of the International Order of Odd Fellows.

He is survived by three sons, Allen Jones, Kansas City; Amil Jones, Smith; Everett Jones, Jr., Otterville; three daughters, Mrs. Pauline Hicks, St. Louis; Mrs. Mary Griffin, Iberia; Mrs. Betty Sessions, Dixon; one brother, Leslie Jones, Iberia; one sister, Miss Edna Jones,

Iberia, 23 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Stevinson Funeral Chapel, Iberia, with the Rev. Mark Sooter and the Rev. Gary Guley officiating.

Burial was in the Iberia Cemetery. ✓