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WILLIAM WALTER MERCER

Mr. William Walter Mercer, age 78, of Blackwater, died Monday at Columbia Regional Hospital in Columbia following a lingering illness. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the William Wood Funeral Chapel in Boonville. The Rev. Sam Anderson will officiate, with burial in Peninsula Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from noon Tuesday until time of service.

Mr. Mercer was born in Clarksburg, February 17, 1898, the son of William Henry and Melissa Haley Mercer. He married the former Nettie May Potter, November 20, 1919, in Blackwater. She survives. He had lived in the Blackwater community most of his life, where he was engaged in

construction work and farming. Surviving in addition to his wife are three sons, James W. Mercer and Jack B. Mercer, both of Boonville, and Ronald W. Mercer of Raytown; two daughters, Mrs. Norma Brown of Kansas City and Mrs. Thelma Ruff of Independence; four sisters, Mrs. John Racey, Mrs. Grace Harris and Mrs. Lola Whitlow, all of Blackwater, and Nellie Whitlow Republic; 11 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren several nieces and nephews.

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