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T. Russell Banks Burled Tuesday

Thomas Russell Banks, age 76, passed away Sunday, July 1, at Trinity Lutheran hospital, Kansas City.

Mr. Banks was born January 7, 1903, at Nelson, the son of James Thomas and Pearl Woolry Banks. He was married to Lela E. Renno on December 23, 1922 at Marshall; his wife survives at the home.

Other survivors include: one son, Thomas Robert Banks, Sweet Springs; two granddaughters, Mrs. Sharon Allen, Selmer, Tenn. and Mrs. Judy Mullins, Sweet Springs; three grandsons, Russell Dean Banks, Crestwood, Ill., Robert G. Banks, serving in the United States Army, and Raymond E. Banks, serving in the United States Marine Corps;

Four great-grandchildren, Shelley Weber, Kassandra Gehlken, Russell Edward Banks and Russell Dean Banks, Jr.:

Two brothers, Robert Lee Banks, Sweet Springs and William F. Banks, Marshall;

Four sisters, Mrs. Lula Berryman, Marshall, Mrs. Sam (Maudie) Templeton, Green Ridge, Mrs. Floyd (Bessie) Searbrough, Smithton, Mrs. L. G. (Kathryn) Haynie, Farber; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Mr. Banks was employed by the International Shoe Co. in Sweet Springs for 40 years. He retired from the Shoe Company in 1968. He worked parttime for Berry Chevrolet after his retirement.

Mr. Banks was a member of the First Christian church of Sweet Springs where he served as a deacon and on numerous committees.

Visitation was Monday evening, July 2, at Miller-Berg Funeral home.

The funeral was held Tuesday, July 3, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Christian church, Sweet Springs. Rev. Eddy Liddle and Rev. Paul D. Burton officiated. Soloist and organist was Mrs. Emma Margaret Meador with the selections, "How Great Thou Art", "Take My Hand, Preclous Lord" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Casketbearers were Cameron Smith, Russell Dillon, Rolland Keeney, Jim Burnett, Emil Hillebrenner and John R. Gillespie.

The family suggested memorial contributions to the First Christian church.

Miller Funeral home was in charge.