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Ernest May

SMITHTON — Ernest Thomas May, 85 died at 6:40 a.m. Sunday at St. Lukes Hospital in Kansas City.

He was born Nov. 26, 1895, in Pettis County, son of the late Pinckney Allen and Nannie Bell Melvin May. On Oct. 24, 1916, he married Fay Gorrell, who died in 1979.

Mr. May was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church. He was a farmer and retired from the Missouri Pacific Shops in 1961.

Survivors include three sons, Ernest T. May Jr., Route 5; John Ben May, Otterville; Robert T. May, Copiague N.Y.; two daughters, Mrs. Charles N. Smith, Kansas City; Mrs. Leo L. Homan, Kansas City; four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Heckart-Gillespie Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Farrie Cole Jr. officiating.

Pallbearers will be Robert Monsees, Jerry Page, William Richardson, John Wagenknecht, Lynn Wagenknecht and John Youngcamp.

Burial was in the Smithton Cemetery.

Margie H. Sparks

LAMONTE — Margie H. Sparks, 83, died Wednesday afternoon at Bothwell Hospital.

She was born July 28, 1897, at Otterville, daughter of the late George W. and Clemitine DeLozier Burford. On July 29, 1916, she was married to Walker Sparks, who died in 1979.

Mrs. Sparks was a member of the LaMonte Methodist Church. She had spent the last two years in the Buena Vista Home.

Survivors include three sons, Jack Sparks, Kansas City; Jerry Sparks, Peculiar, Mo.; Paul Sparks, Pleasant Hill, Mo.; one daughter, Mrs. Gladys Guinn, Mission, Kan.; one brother, Wade Burford, Otterville; three sisters, Mrs. Annie Adams, Greeley, Colo.; Mrs. Ruth Moore, Sedalia; Mrs. Gladys Cline, Otterville; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Moore Funeral Home here with the Rev. Gaylan Cope officiating.

Burial was in the LaMonte Cemetery.