

The Examiner prints obituaries, without charge, as a service to the community. Family members who wish to have the obituary of a loved one printed are asked to remind the funeral home to send the information to the newspaper. Pictures of the deceased

are welcome and must be delivered to the newspaper office at 410 S. Liberty St. in Independence by 8:30 a.m. the day of publication, or by 4:30 p.m. Friday for Saturday's newspaper. The Examiner writes obituaries according to AP and Examiner style.

Mary G. Brown

Mary Gretchen Brown, 87, Sioux Falls, S.D., died Saturday, Nov. 17, 2001, at the Good Samaritan Center, Sioux Falls.

Mrs. Brown was born Nov. 17, 1914, in Mount Ayr, Iowa, the daughter of Eranus and Josephine (Wertz) Case. She was a charter member of the Dakota and Minnehaha Dollers, and a member of the United Federation of Dollers.

She owned and operated Gretchen's Doll Shop in her home and also repaired and dressed dolls for many years. She was preceded in death by a son, Joe Conwell, a daughter, Gretchen Rosser, and a grandson, Vance Rosser.

Her survivors include a son, F.E. "Bud" Conwell, Liberty; two daughters, Nancy Graber, Sioux Falls, and Harriet Tindle, Independence; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be 3 p.m. Friday at D.W. Newcomer's Sons Floral Hills Chapel, Kansas City. Burial will be in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens, Kansas City. Friends may call from 2 to 3 p.m. Friday at the chapel.

Ann Baughman

Ann Baughman, 59, Independence, died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001, at her home.

Mrs. Baughman was born Aug. 14, 1942, in Hindsville, Ark. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lonnie Cline and Russell Cline, her parents, Raymond Cline and Fern Cline, and her stepmother, Vivian Cline.

Her survivors include her husband, Mickey Baughman, of

Lusso of Independence.

His survivors include two sons, Gary Lusso, Independence, and Dennis Lusso, Buckner; two daughters, Nancy Morrison, Lake Waukomis, and Vicki Luttrell, Independence; a brother, James H. Lusso, Independence; one sister, Icel Gordon, Raytown; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Mount Washington Forever Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday at the George C. Carson and Sons Independence Chapel.

Charles A. Smith Jr.

Charles A. Smith Jr., 84, Independence, died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001, at St. Mary's Manor in Blue Springs.

Mr. Smith was born April 8, 1917, in Savannah, Ga., and had lived in Independence most of his life. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a recipient of a Silver and Bronze Star. Before his retirement, he was a federal government employee of G.S.A. He was a member of Tirey J. Ford Post 21 of the American Legion and Nativity of Mary Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathlyn Nora Smith, in 1997.

His survivors include a son, Chuck F. Smith, Arlington, Texas; a daughter, Linda K. Smith, Independence; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen R. and Dan J. Garvey, Louisburg, Kan., and Vicki A. and Bruce L. Smock, Independence; and a grandson, Matt D. Garve.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Raytown. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the George C. Carson and Sons Independence Chapel, where a prayer service

Life Assembly of God, 801 S.W. First St. (outer road), Oak Grove.

Mary A. Thompson

Mary Ann Thompson, 74,



Kansas City, died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2001, at Pleasant Valley Manor.

Mrs. Thompson was born April 9, 1927, in Stilwell, Okla. She

worked in banquet service at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, retiring after 23 years of service.

She had also worked in food service at Kansas University Medical Center. She was a member of the Friendly Assembly of God Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Lee Thompson, in 1988.

Her survivors include a daughter, Marilee Thompson Barnes, Kansas City; a son, Henry "Hank" Thompson, Independence; a brother, Charley Chewey, Stilwell; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the church, 1215 Benton Blvd., Kansas City. The family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are under the direction of the George C. Carson and Sons Independence Chapel.

Robert E. Thompson Sr.

Robert E. Thompson Sr. 91, Independence, died Monday, Nov. 19, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Thompson was born Aug. 5, 1910, in Lexington, Ky., and had lived in this area most of his