

DEATHS

Helen Dampier

Helen A. Dampier, 84, daughter of Benton Davison and Rebecca Miller Davison, was born June 30, 1909, near Corkery. She died Aug. 22, 1993, at Houston House at Houston.

She was a member of the Plad Union Church.

She spent several years caring for her mother.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Lonnie and Homer Davison and Charley Davison, who died in infancy; one sister, Lucille Sommers; and one grandson.

Surviving are two sons, Bob of Houston and Denny of Lebanon; one sister, Peggy Jones of Grass Valley, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services were Aug. 24 at the Colonial Funeral Chapel at Lebanon with the Rev. Bill Wiles officiating. Burial was in the Plad Cemetery.

Mattie Barton

Mattie Bell Barton, 79, daughter of John Washington and Ola Ethel

Cook Cummins, was born Oct. 11, 1913, at Cedar Grove. She died Aug. 25, 1993, at St. Joseph Medical Center at Kirkwood.

She married Denver Barton Sept. 28, 1934. They had one daughter.

A former resident of the Raymondville area, she had lived for many years at Ballwin.

She was preceded in death by her husband; and one brother, Herman Cummins.

Surviving are one daughter, Ginny Farrar of Ballwin; one sister, Violet Courtney of Twin Oaks; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Aug. 28 at the Evans Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Wesley Wallace officiating. Burial was in the Boone Creek Cemetery.

Lola Bates

Lola B. Bates, 84, third child of Henry and Lou Daisy Cummins Long, was born Sept. 9, 1908, near Hartshorn. She died Aug. 26, 1993, at Texas County Health Care Center at Licking.

She married Floyd Thomas Bates Sept. 2, 1936, at Guthrie, Okla. They made their home in Oklahoma City until moving to a farm near Yukon in 1945. Along with the farm, they both worked at the Rex-all drug store in Houston until retirement.

Mrs. Bates was a member of the Yukon Methodist Church for several years, later moving her membership to the Raymondville Baptist Church.

After the Bates' sold their farm in 1971, they moved to Houston. Mrs. Bates had become a nursing home resident in 1992.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd; two sisters, Ollie Head and Viola; three brothers, Melvin, Will and Everett; and a stepson, Floyd Bates Jr.

Surviving are one brother, Paul Long of Houston; two step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Services were Aug. 28 at the Evans Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ervin Morton officiating. Burial was in the Friendship Cemetery.

Merle McCart

Jewel Merle McCart, 80, daughter of Jesse Edward and Mary Jane Owen Killion, was born Sept. 19, 1912, at Simmons. She died Aug. 26, 1993, at Texas County Memorial Hospital in Houston.

A 1931 graduate of Houston High School, she attended Springfield Teachers' College and began teaching in surrounding areas.

She married Paul G. McCart Aug. 18, 1942, at Huntsville, Ala. After his discharge from the U.S. Army, they settled at Cabool, where she was a teacher in the Cabool Schools. After her retirement as a teacher, she was an Avon representative for 20 years.

Mrs. McCart was a member of the First Baptist Church in Cabool, where she taught Sunday School for many years. She was also a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 473 Auxiliary.

The McCarts celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1992.

She was preceded in death by infant twin brothers, a baby sister and a brother, Wayne O. Killion.

Surviving are her husband, Paul, of the home at Cabool; one daughter, Ardith Ann Birkinbine of Idaho Falls, Idaho; two sisters, Jessie M. Forinash of Dixon and Dorothy K. Weathers of Fort Worth, Texas; and two grandsons.

Services were Aug. 30 at the First Baptist Church in Cabool with Dr. Edgar Burks and Dr. Keith Stuart officiating. Burial was in the Oak Dale Cemetery under the direction of Elliott-Gentry Funeral Home of Cabool.

Roger Pursifull

Roger Lee Pursifull, 77, son of James J. and Nancy J. Pursifull, was born April 19, 1916, near Licking. He died Aug. 26, 1993, at Phelps County Regional Medical Center at Rolla.

He served in the U.S. Army from May 1941 to November 1945.

He married Pearl Connell in February 1947. They had two sons.

Mr. Pursifull worked in St. Louis for several years before retiring near Licking.

He was preceded in death by six brothers, Robert, Marion, Harold, Ross, Clarence and Arthur; and three sisters, Clarissa Kidd, Pearl Martin and Edith Barton.

Surviving are two sons, Barry L. Pursifull of Eureka and Ross A. Pursifull of High Ridge; and one sister, Alta E. Linson of Licking.

Services were Aug. 30 at the Fox Funeral Home Chapel in Licking with the Rev. Robert Gifford officiating. Burial was in the Boone Creek Cemetery.

Sadie Tuttle

Sadie Hall Tuttle, 92, daughter of James Everett and Mary Hunter Hall, was born April 15, 1901, at Summersville. She died Aug. 26, 1993, at Texas County Memorial Hospital at Houston.

She married Dolph Tuttle, and they had one daughter.

Mrs. Tuttle was a member of the First Baptist Church in Summersville and had lived at the senior housing for the last 14 years.

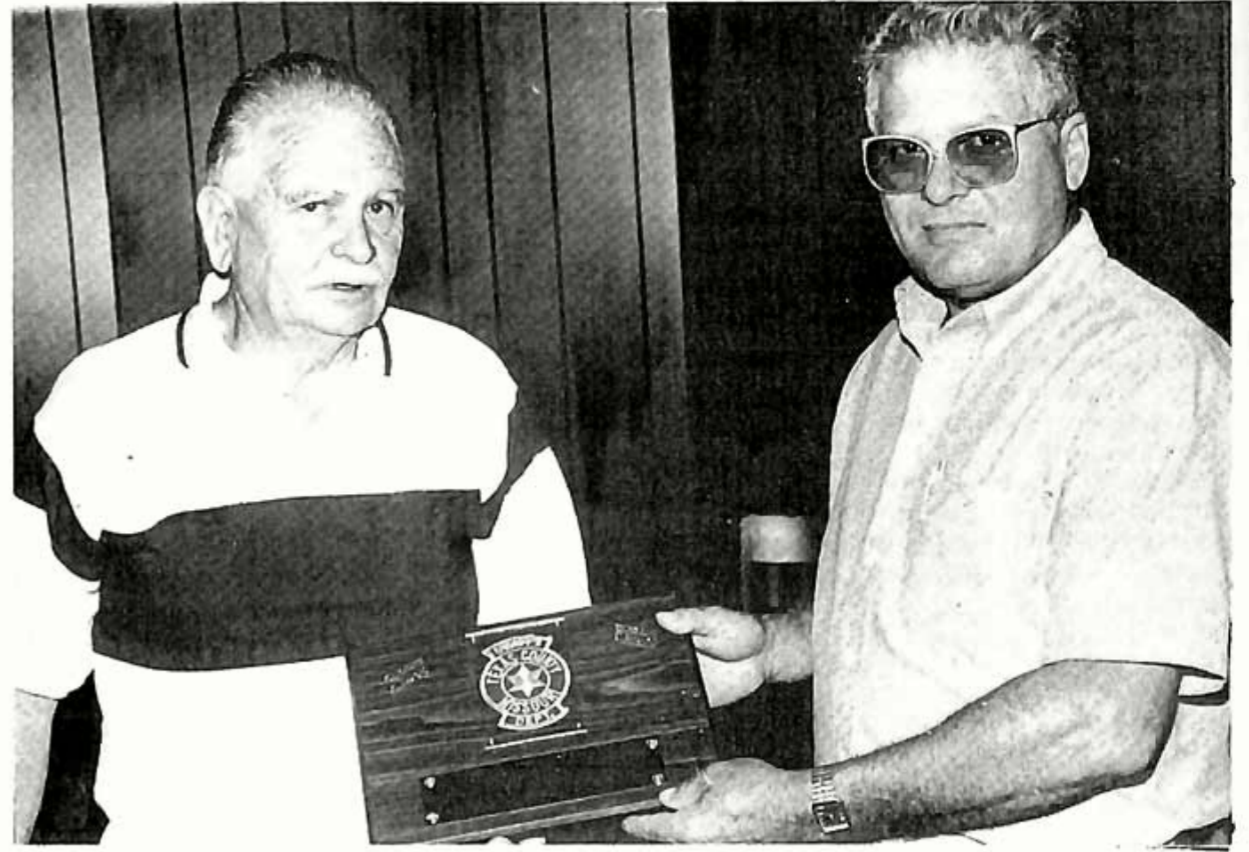
She was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Surviving are her daughter, Leona Bandy of Summersville.

Services were Aug. 28 at the Bradford Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Carmel Warren officiating. Burial was in the Summersville City Cemetery.

Bob Vestal

Robert Lee Vestal, 71, son of Louis and Anna Cole Vestal was



Deputy Honored

A reception was held Friday night for Loyd Mitchell, a longtime Texas County deputy who retired recently. Here, Texas County Sheriff John Vandiver, left, presents Mitchell a plaque for 28 years of law enforcement service in the county.

born April 2, 1922. He died Aug. 27, 1993, at the Veterans Administration hospital at Poplar Bluff.

He grew up and lived most of his life in the Houston area.

He was a medic, sharp shooter, heavy truck driver and duty soldier in World War II.

He married Edna Jones Jan. 11, 1957. He was a logger and hay hauler.

He was preceded in death by four brothers.

Surviving are his wife, Edna, of the home at Houston; one daughter, Judy Fretueg of Houston; one son, Larry Teem of Houston; five sisters, Virginia Sutton and Helen Martin of Houston, Lula Lee of Illinois, Verl Frances of California, Donna Offerdahl of Oklahoma; and five grandchildren.

Services were Aug. 30 at the Evans Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Fred Beckett officiating. Burial was in the Emery Cemetery.

HHS Class Of '78 Reunion

A reunion of the Houston High School class of 1978 is set for Saturday, Sept. 4.

A mixer for classmates and families is at 1 p.m. at West Side Park in Houston at no cost.

A dinner is scheduled for 7 o'clock that evening at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post home north of Houston with entertainment at 9 p.m. Reservations are needed for the dinner.

There will be a small cover charge at the door for those who wish to attend just the entertainment.

For more information contact Barbara Head at 417-967-4640 or 967-4171.



Hubert and Della Dunigan of Hollister will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, with a buffet reception at the Houston Lions Den on U.S. 63 north.

The occasion is hosted by their children and grandchildren.

The omission of gifts is requested.

At A Glance

AGENDA

A representative from Congressman Bill Emerson's office is in Houston from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the Houston Area Chamber of Commerce office on Grand Avenue.

Tops #Mo. 1067 of Houston meets 7 p.m. every Thursday at Wellspring Church, 218 W. Chestnut in Houston.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meeting 8 p.m. every Thursday in the parish hall of St. Mark's Catholic Church, 118 Oak Crest Dr. in Houston.

Houston Area Chamber of Commerce meeting noon every Tuesday at Pizza Express on South Sam Houston Blvd.

Salem chapter of Overeaters Anonymous meets 6 p.m. Tuesdays at the Salem Treatment Center, Third Street and Grand Avenue in Salem.

Adult Basic Education classes 8:30 to 11:30 Mondays and Tuesdays in room 118 of the education center at First Baptist Church in Houston and 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays at the Summersville High School library.

Houston Lions Club meeting noon every Friday at the Lions Den north of Houston on U.S. 63.

Houston Optimist Club meeting 6:30 a.m. every Saturday at Mom's Kitchen on U.S. 63 in Houston.

Genealogical library open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday on the second floor of the Texas County Courthouse in Houston.

GED classes 4:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays in room 11 of Houston High School.

Annual White Rock Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 5, at the White Rock Community Building. Basket dinner at 12:30. Ballgames and live entertainment in the afternoon.

Plato Lodge #469 AF and AM meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6.

Houston Garden Club meeting 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church, Airport Road and Hawthorn Street in Houston.

Piney Township board meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Gene's Service Center, 205 S. First, Houston.

Public Water Supply District No. 2 board meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at the wellhouse on County Road 3110.

Fraternal Order of Eagles #3911 Auxiliary meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at the aerie south of Houston on U.S. 63.

Texas County Federated Republican Women will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at the home of Russelle Simonsen at Cabool for supper and the regular meeting. The food will be furnished by the Cabool members. LaRue Lemon, the new second vice president of the Missouri Federation of Republican Women, will be the speaker.

Twin River Trail Riders meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Senior Citizens Center on Grand Avenue in Houston. Plans for the Ride-Out Against Cancer set for Sept. 18 will be finalized.

Houston Alumni Association meeting 7:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at James Furniture, Grand Avenue, Houston.

Floyd family reunion 10 a.m. to dusk Sunday, Sept. 12, at the new pavilion at Montauk State Park.

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