

Robert J. Morris

December 14, 1948 - April 18, 2001

Hazel Morris Pool, age 83, and her son, Robert J. Morris, age 52, both of Joplin, passed away from injuries sustained in a two car auto accident at 20th and Main Streets on April 18, 2001 at 4:32 p.m. and at 8:48 p.m.

Mrs. Pool was born on January 1, 1918 in Webb City, and was the daughter of Arthur and Veta Berkley Herd. She lived her lifetime in the tri-state area. A 1936 graduate of Picher (Okla.) High School, she received her nurses training at The American Hospital in Picher. She received her L.P.N. pin in 1953 at Freeman Hospital Training School and worked as an L.P.N. until retiring in 1980 from St. John's Regional Medical Center where she worked in pediatrics and held establish the stroke unit.

She was a member of Harmony Heights Baptist Church, Missouri State L.P.N. Association, A.A.P.P., and the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. She worked with the Homebound and Outreach Ministry of Harmony Heights Baptist Church with a group called the "3P's", consisting of Ruth Parnell, Hazel Pool, and Nancy Pierce. She loved to travel and often visited her many friends and family.

In October 1937 she married Clyde Morris. He preceded her in death on April 11, 1972. She later married David Pool, who preceded her in death in 1984. Her son Arnal Morris, also preceded her in death in 1984.

Robert Morris was born December 14, 1948 in Joplin, the son of the late Clyde and Hazel Herd Morris and lived in Joplin his lifetime. A 1966 graduate of Joplin High School, Robert also attended Missouri Southern State College, where he was active in television production at MSTV. For the past nine years he worked as a waiter at Travetti's. He was an avid pool player and had many close friends.

Survivors include a son and brother, C. F. Morris of Nashville Tenn; a daughter and sister, Jeane Grisham of Richland Hills, Texas, two brothers and uncles, Vincent Herd of Goodman, Mo., Vernon Herd of Filer, Idaho; several grandchildren and neices and nephews, Joe Grisham Jr., Lori Grisham Morrison, Doug Grisham, Mindi Grisham Phillips, Cari Putnam, Michael Keeter and Vicky Morris; 11 great-grandchildren and great-nieces and nephews, all of whom she "dearly loved". Robert and Hazel were loved by many friends and family who will deeply miss them both.

Combined memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday at Harmony Heights Baptist Church with Rev. Charlie Burnett officiating. The bodies have been taken for medical research. Interment of cremated remains will be later at Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday at 3602 Oak Ridge Drive in Joplin. Memorial contributions may be made to the Homebound Outreach Ministry in care of Harmony Heights Baptist Church.