

Joyce O'Connell Vance

October 13, 1947 - February 19, 2009



Joyce Anne (O'Connell) Vance, age 61, Joplin, passed away on Feb. 19, 2009, at St. John's Regional Medical Center after a sudden illness. Mrs. Vance was born Oct. 13, 1947, in Joplin, Mo., to the late Alice and Emmett O'Connell and had lived in the Joplin area all of her life. She graduated from Joplin Senior High School in 1966. She was a homemaker that raised four boys, after the boys were grown; she started working in 1995, in the Environmental Services Department at St. John's Regional Medical Center and retired in 2006. She was a member of Grace Apostolic Church for 51 years. She married Cecil Eugene Vance on Aug. 26, 1967, in Nowata, Okla. He preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 2006.

Additional survivors include four sons, Cyrus Vance and wife, Carly, Joplin, Charles Vance and wife, Sara, Webb City, John Vance, Joplin, and Steven Vance, Joplin; five grandchildren, Jordyn Vance, Tyler Vance, Keifer Vance, Ezwrin Vance and Kalan Vance; brothers and sisters, Charles Himes, Sparta, Mo., Faye Hance, Michigan City, Ind., George Himes, Joplin, Helen Riggs, Webb City, Mary McKeal, Joplin, Janie Wood, Webb City, and Twyla Murphy, Joplin; and several other extended family members. Joyce was preceded in death by one sister, Dollie Bigbee. Visitation will be held on Monday, Feb. 23, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Grace Apostolic Church located at 2601 South Connecticut, Joplin, Mo. 64801. Services will be Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Apostolic Church. Rev. William Garrett and Rev. Mickey Garrett will officiate. Interment will follow in Osborne Memorial Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Garland Davis, David Vance, Tony Tobey, Jason Sargent, Caleb Morrison and Steven Vance. Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Apostolic Church for the Vance family. Online condolences may be made at parkermortuary.com