

Robert “Bob” Summers

October 19, 1948 – June 9, 1995

Robert G. “Bob” Summers, 46, Joplin, died at 8:30 p.m. Friday at his home after a long illness.

Mr. Summers was born October 19, 1948 at San Francisco, California. He was a life long area resident. He worked as a truck driver from 1974 to 1989. He later worked as a mechanic at Carl Richard’s Bowl East, Joplin.

He was a member of Sixth Street Baptist Church, Galena, Kansas, and Earl J. Bruton Post No. 534, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Joplin. He served in the Marines from 1967 to 1970. He was inducted into the Joplin Bowling Hall of Fame in 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Isbell Summers; three sons, Richard Jenkins, Galena, Robert Summers, Jr. Grafton, Wisconsin, and Travis Summers, Fort Wayne, Indiana; two daughters, April Summers, Grafton, and Brandi Summers, Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Teri Slater, Webb City, and Kelly Melugin and Julie Wilton, both of Joplin; his father Robert Suth, Joplin; his mother, Wilma Summers, Joplin; two half brothers, Robert Suth and Orville Suth, both of the state of Texas; a half sister, Roberta Taylor, state of Texas; and nine grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday at Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery. The Rev. Richard Jenkins will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Larry Smiley, David Smiley, Dan Smiley, Bob Little, Tracy Ellman and Shawn Thomas.

Visitation will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday at Mason-Woodard Mortuary.

Contributions may be made to a memorial fund in care of the mortuary.