Missouri State Veterans officiating. Burial will be in Rowden, Leanne Nicole grandchildren Austin Clay children.

Visitation will begin on Tuesday, March 21, 2011, at 5 p.m. at Miner Baptist Church in Doniphan. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 26, 2011, at First Church of God in Doniphan.

Surviving are one daughter, Carolyn James of Branson; one son, James Michael Willis of Piedmont; one grandson, Ira of Doyle, one brother-in-law, Paul Abbott of Austin, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Died Thursday, March 17, 2011, at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, Mr. Willis was the second of six children of the late Ira and Norma Luther Willis. He also worked for the St. Louis and Southern Missouri Railroad for 23 years. He is survived by: his wife; his five children, Kenny Arrow, Okla., and Denise Miller, Bayfield, Wis.; his six grandchildren, Taylor Gum of Kansas City and Jennifer Lumley of Carthage, Mo., and Joel, Kyle, Ashley, and Cameron Arrow; his brother, Mike Lee of New Mexico; his two sisters, Mary Lee and her husband, Floyd Nelson of Paragould, Ariz.; several nieces and nephews; and several cousins.

Also surviving are one son, John Burleson, Colorado Springs, Colo.; three brothers in law, Michael and Margie Negri, Cape Girardeau, and Jerry Walker of Wappapello; three sisters-in-law, Mary Jane Dunston of Wappapello, and Wayne and Ruth Burleson of Altus, Okla.; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Burleson was born on June 11, 1929, in Malden, Mo., the son of Merle and Mattie (Frost) Burleson. He married the love of his life, Joyce Burleson, on May 9, 1948, and they have been married for 62 years. Mrs. Burleson was born on June 5, 1929, in Malden, Mo., the daughter of Lawrence and Emma (Dowdy) Wilhite. She died on March 14, 2011. Mr. and Mrs. Burleson were married 62 years and raised four children, two sons, Randy Luke, both of Fisk; and John Burleson, Colorado; and two daughters, Christy and Jeff Knott of Maryville, Mo.; and one grandson, Thomas Knott.

Mr. Burleson was a loving father to his children and a loving grandparent to his grandchildren. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Joy, whom he married 62 years ago, and he was a beloved son to his parents. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Randy, and his grandson, Tom Knott.

Mr. Burleson is survived by his loving wife; his sons, Randy Luke, of Fisk, and John Burleson, of Colorado; his daughter, Christy Knott; his son-in-law, Jeff Knott; his grandchildren, Thomas Knott, of Fisk; Taylor Gum, of Kansas City; Joel Arrow, of Oklahoma City; Kyle Arrow, of San Diego; Ashley Arrow, of Kansas City; and Cameron Arrow, of San Diego; and his brothers and sisters, Ken Burleson, of Colorado, Mike Lee, of New Mexico, Mary Lee Nelson, of New Mexico, and Floyd Nelson, of Paragould, Ariz.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Dexter, the American Legion in Dexter and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3264 in Dexter.

Visitation will be 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 19, 2011, at First Church of God in Dexter. The funeral will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 19, 2011, at First Church of God in Dexter. Burial will be at the family plot in the Bloomfield Cemetery in Paragould, Ark. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences can be made at www.muellersfuneralhome.com/obituary/MuellersLocals/ObituaryDetail.aspx?obitID=1751025&memorialID=1751026. Home is in charge of arrangements.

Donnie Bird

Mrs. Wilkins was born on July 30, 1925, in Doniphan, Mo. She married John Wilkins on Oct. 20, 1942. Her husband preceded her in death.

Mrs. Wilkins was a member of the First Church of God in Doniphan. She was a member of the Department of Family and Children Services in Doniphan. On April 12, 1941, she married January Hugh Wilkins II and raised three children. Mrs. Wilkins preceded her in death on March 16, 2011.

She is survived by one daughter, Karen Wilkins Del.: two daughters, Karen Combs of Bloomfield and Inga Wilkins of Doniphan; seven grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will begin 11 a.m. Friday, March 25, 2011, at First Church of God in Doniphan. The funeral will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 26, 2011, at First Church of God in Doniphan. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery at Bloomfield.

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