

Obituaries  
St Louis County, Missouri  
January - December: 1989

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Deaths ~ Accidents ~ Articles
January 1989
Alberta H. Stumberg, 68; Rites Today
Angeline Glastris Brindley, 72, Social Worker And Volunteer
Bobby Greanlease: Missouri's Death Row: A Final Step For Many. . .
David W. Thornton; 77; Composer, Music Director
Earl J. Mercille, 67, Of St. Louis County
Elsie J. Boehmer, 83, Of Wentzville
Frank A. Strake; Dentist In St. Louis
George C Mercer: Widow Tries To Remove Mercer's Body
Gerald Patton: Apartments Again Site Of Killing
James M. Froemsdorf: High Court Hears Appeal In Murder Of Trooper
James W.B. Marshutz; Was Ad Executive
Karen K. Moore, 39; O'Fallon [Rites]
Lloyd J. Lawrence, Frankie M. Lawrence, and William Lawrence: Man Held In Killing Of Couple, Grandson
Mary C. Senay, 64; Longtime Volunteer
Odell, Mister, Carmen Reed: Condition Of Wounded Boy, 11, Critical
Oliver Overkamp, 63; Former Teacher
Sheila, Casey, Shannon, Mandy and Lance Epker: Mother, 4 Children Are Found Slain
William 'Stan' Haseltine; Was Musician
February 1989
Acel Maples, [Rites] 75, Of O'Fallon
Anthony R. Pelker; Manager For Union
Bryan Walker: Six Bullets, One Man Dead - And A Cloud Of Questions
Chad Crump, and Lorie Marshall: House Fire Near Wentzville Kills 2 Children
Charles A. Bennett, Deana Kirschenmann: Blocked Flue Blamed In Deaths Of Two
Dan Kelly Dies At 52
Darrell L. Wylie Sr., 79, Of St. Charles
Donald Kuehl, 76; McDonald's Owner
Eldon E. Pingel, Jodean Pingel, and Michael W. Gordon: Three Perish In Crash Near Chester, Ill.
Eric M. Hohn; Educator In Area For 43 Years

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Etheline Johnson, Forrest Johnson: Another Natural Gas Explosion In Kansas City Area Kills Couple In Home
Gary L. Trolinger: South County Man Perishes In Crash
George D. Hoover, 90; Retired Printer
Jack Horton, Susan Horton: 2 Killed In Fire In Camden County, Mo.
Josephine L. Reinhold Of Jefferson City
Kelli Patricia Hall: Body Of Girl Found; 2 Arrested
Kenneth Gilbertsen Sr.; Was Pressman
Lawrence Holman; Was Judge On Missouri Supreme Court
Louis P. Fett, 63; Was Teacher, Coach
Mae E. Siemers, Leslie Spink, and Ricky Crandall: St. Charles County Collision Kills 3
Pauline Martz: Judge To Hear Confession Of Killer
Robert H. Weaks, 95; Ex-School Officer
Sidney S. Cohen, 87; Active In Civic Affairs, Philanthropist
March 1989
A. Hoormann; Served 11 Parishes
Adele Pavelec, 74; St. Peters [Rites]
Clarence Brown Palmer, 75; Dairymen Leader
Danny R. Murphy: Stranded Motorist Is Killed On I-70
Donald E. Farmer, 45, Of Chesterfield
Donald Logan: Nevada, Mo., Fugitive Slain
Edward J. Smith: Man Charged In Killing Of Student Aboard Bus
Elise A. Ward: East St. Louis Woman Who Was Slain By Stray Bullet Sought A Safer Home
Evelyn Dalton, Judges' Mother
Gregory A. Rader: Man Killed In Attack On TV Anchor
Irwing F. Fausek Jr.; Was Manufacturer
Joe Formento: Poisoning Spurs Exhumation Order
John D. McCutcheon; Broker, International Group's Founder
Joseph A. Kothe, 82, Of Wentzville
Lessie Hamel, 91; Curator At House
Louise G. Arnold, 90; Aided The Blind
Lydia Sexton, 53; Active Democrat
Mae Siemers, 67; Portage Des Sioux

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Marlin T. Phillips, 66, Of St. Charles
Mary E. Stransky, 91, Of Hawk Point
Michael C. Ilges, 26, Of Naperville, Ill.
Michael Zohner, Craig W. DeConcini, and Marie Timmer: Three Motorists Are Killed In Area Accidents
Michael Zohner: Barnhart Man Dies In Bus Collision
Nan G. Weber; Known For Conservation
Nancy Allen: Young Killer: Should He Die For Crime As A Teen?
Norman D. Hunter, 45, Of Old Monroe
Paul Simms: 7th Death Is Linked To Shoveling Snow
Stephanie Bracken: Suspect In Death Of Girl, 2, Now Faces Charge Of Murder
Thomas G. Deiters, James E. Henske, Danny Murphy, and James A. Wollen: Crashes Kill 3 County Men, Kentuckian
Vaal Hall Suffers Attack, In Hospital
Wilkie Cunyningham; Worked For State Highway Commission
April 1989
Andre Roland: FBI Investigating Black Teen's Death
Anquetette Bonds: Warning Ignored, Grandmother Says
Betty L. Dean, 57; Owned Clothing Shop
Charles A. Riley: Light Plane Crash Kills One, Injures One
Clifford A. Sassenrath, 89, Of St. Peters
David K. Breed, 79; Longtime Lawyer
Donald Louis Bernabe, and Donald Bernabe II: Son Held In Family Killings Father, Brother Killed; Mother Hurt
Douglas C. Travagliante: Man Killed In Car Collision Near Pacific
Edward Boston, 93, Of Moberly, Mo.
Ernest Norton Jr.: Truck Fall Kills Man Helping A Friend
Helen Tooley, 74, Of Troy [Funeral]
Isabelle B. Steele, 72; Elsberry [Rites]
Isca Sellekaerts: Student Charged In Death Of Baby
John R. Dey, 73; St. Charles [Rites]
Karen S. White, Anthony T. Lambert, Otto Brechbuhler: Auto Accidents Leave 3 Dead In Lincoln, Franklin Co's
Lisa Ann Roberts: Crash On Bridge Kills Sister Of Car's Driver
Mary S. Steuterman; Hospital Volunteer
May Roderick, 61; Funeral Thursday

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Mildred Meatha Carroll, 71, Of Foley
R. Dean Piotraschke; County Firefighter
R.M. Becker; Texas County Prosecutor
Richard Schmidt, 77, Of Portland, Mo.
Robert L. James, 50; Rolla Surgeon
Sarah Moriarity, Beverly Wade, Kari Hall: 3 Killed When Auto Plunges Into Pond
Sharon K. Marglous; UMSL Coordinator
Sharon Marglous, 48; Official At UMSL
Stacey L. Grace: Woman, 23, Dies In Boating Accident
Sylvia Hampe, 88; Active In Arts Club
William R. Logan, 78; Was Auto Dealer
Willie G. Johnson, 60, Of Troy [Rites]
May 1989
Alice Wilk Dunlop, 75; Retired Teacher
Anna Louise Blase, 99, Of St. Charles
Bernard Neal Smoot: Tail On Car Faulted In Fatal Crash
Bob DePond: Medical Degree Awarded After Death
Brian Schroll and Paula Govero: Boy Escapes From Burning Car; 2 Killed
Cari Engler: Doctor Gives Up License; Girl's Death Cited
Carrie D. Francke: Francke Is Eulogized As 'Pioneer'
Charles and Clara Buettner: Aged Pair In Suicide Pact Inseperable To The End
Charles W. Orner
Claude Pepper: Pepper Called Champion Of Elderly
Donald G. Grunz, 55; Sewer Contractor
Frank Pierson [nart]
Gail Sherry King: Abduction, Death In A Ditch Remain Mystery 2 Years Later
Gary Decker: Judge Rejects Plea To Drop Decker Case
George M. "Sonny" Faheen: David Leisure Convicted In Second Killing
James T. Keegan: Glen Carbon Man Killed In Car Wreck
Jerry D. Todd: Death Ruled Result Of Too Much Alcohol
Joseph C. Besselman, 61, Of St. Louis
Julie Post: PostScript Towel ring, relentless prosecuter, surprise witness were keys to Ed Post's murder conviction

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Kenneth Beck; Was Automobile Dealer
Linda Lee Hemsath, 2, Of St. Charles
Margret M. Devine, 89, Of St. Charles
Mass For Ann E. Kling, 60, Of St. Peters
Michael Merideth: Barnhart Man, 22, Killed In Auto Crash
Michael Morris: Hillsboro Man Killed, 2 Injured In Crash
Michael W. Zuck: St. Louisan Drowns Fishing In Big River
Nancy Frazer Meyer; Retired Journalist
Otto S. Conrades; Longtime Businessman
Press Role In Sims Case Debated
Richmond C. Medling, 69; Marthasville
Robert F. Toebben, 66, Of Wentzville
Shannon Riddle: Traffic Accidents In Jefferson, Washington Counties Kill 3
Stephen Chilton, 81; Railway Executive
Tim Trunk: Bradley Player Killed In Crash; Belleville Outfielder 'Critical'
William A. Trammel, Bryan Baker, Etta Littrell, George Siebert, Shirley Williams: Crashes Kill Five People In Missouri
William Grooms, 65, Of St. Charles
William L. Dennis, and Shannon Riddle: Man, 29, And Potosi Teen-ager Killed In Weekend Accidents
June 1989
Andy Dawson: Barnhart Youth On Trestle Is Killed By Train
Anita A. Tyler, and Tasha cqa. Scott: Mother, Baby Killed In Crash
Barnhart Youth, 13, Running On Trestle Is Killed By Train
Benny J. Burnham, and Timothy Rooda: 2 Killed In Separate Accidents On Jefferson County Roadways
Carrie D. Francke: UM Curator Killed In Accident Had Speeding Tickets Amended
Charles F. Huddleston, 77; St. Charles
Christina R. Pirtle: Teen From Union Is Hit-And-Run Victim
Craig Dierenfeld, and Linda Vanvactor: Police Officials Back Deputy In Chase That Led To 2 Deaths
Edna K. Patrico, 73, Of Old Monroe
Edward Kastner; Commander In Police Reserve In Florissant
Ernest B. Williams, 81, Of St. Charles
Frank F. Kirchner, 76, Of St. Peters [Funeral]
Funeral Set For Frank F. Kranz, 77

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Jennifer L. Polster: Area Woman Is Killed By Boat Propeller
John F. Mulligan, 63; Former Prosecutor In University City
John Vincent Tillman, 69; St. Charles
Johnny L. Giles; Longtime County Sheriff
Lauri Shrum: Accident Kills Woman From Spanish Lake
Loretto Hennelly Gunn, 81; Volunteer
Louis Kenneth Coleman: Prisoner Is Found Hanged In His Cell
Marcellus Stark, 71; [Sister] Was Teacher
Margaret Frick Smith; Antique Dealer
Margaret K. Beck: Cedar Hill Woman Killed In Auto Crash
Olson Torgier: Crop-Duster Crashes
Reginald Lampley: Centreville Man, 25, Drowns In Pool
Rene Wiegert; Directed Many Broadway Hits
Robert A. McClew: Granite City Man Killed In 1-Car Crash
Scott D. Straatmann, and Harmonie L. Hohlt: Crash In Union, Mo., Leaves Two Teens Dead
Sheila Renee Hunt: Neighbor Is Charged In Sex Killing
Sherman B. Stewart Sr.: 2 Charged In Killing Of Man In Kinloch
Tyler Winzen, and Stacy Price: Murder Suspect Waives Right To Hearing
Valvard Gentry Cox, 79, Of Elsberry
Vernon L. Rogers: Man, 60, Killed In Fall
Walter C. Gray, 73; Had St. John Practice For Decades
Wayne Short, 76; Bird-watcher, Lecturer
Wesley R. Wagner Of Troy [Funeral]
William 'Bill' Balota; Retired Journalist
July 1989
12 Killed Since Friday On Missouri Roads
Becky M. Paul - Mary I. Cain - Kevin A. Hafley - Louis Willis - 4 Killed, 2 Injured In 2-Car Accident
Bun Chee Nyhui - Disappearance Probed After Skull Found
Bun Chee Nyhuis - Case Goes To Other County
Christopher - William - Melanie Strange - Man Sought In Slaying Of Wife, 2 Young Sons
Daniel J. Kerlick - Advertising Executive Drowns In Ozarks
Derek Norris - Plea Bargain Rouses Ire Of Dead Boy's Mother

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Diane Ferris - Pedestrian Killed On I-255 Identified
Donald G. Asbridge, 57, Of St. Charles
Elizabeth S. Conrad, 72; Was Volunteer
Gladys M. Dubach Services Saturday
Gregory Reece - Nakiya Quick - Gary Rhynes - Florence C. Anderson - Weekend Accidents Kill 4 In Missouri
James A. Herbert Sr., 53, Of St. Charles
James M. Tripp - Donna J. Midgett - Jeffrey R. Corley - Michael Smith - Man Dressed As Woman Killed In Car Crash; Assault Suspected
Jeffrey Barry - Boy Dies Of Injuries From Auto Crash
Kara Vanausdoll, Abram Kirby: Car-Truck Crash Kills Two Children
Kerry Robert Cox, 24, Of Wentzville
Leo A. Politte, 85; Lawyer, Democrat In Franklin County
Lillian Mayer; [Sister], Teacher And Librarian
Loretta Slavick, 82; Was Prominent In Aviation
Margaret M. Antoine - Woman Killed In Jefferson County Crash
Marjorie Blackman, 51; Taught 30 Years In Parkway District
Mark T. Schrodt, 43, Of St. Charles
Mass For Kathleen Green, 50; O'Fallon
Michael L. Bothwell - Area Man Drowns In Lake Of The Ozarks
Noble D. Sanford, 77; Chiropractor
Paul C. Stark Jr., 72; Nursery Executive
Rites For James L. Witte, 58, Of Troy
Russell E. Slater, 32, Of St. Charles
Sandra L. Tabaka, 42, Of St. Charles
William A. Wilkinson - Gerald Man Killed In Two-Car Crash
August 1989
Adam C. Walther; Longtime Chiropractor
Adolph J. Held; Owned Tavern
April - Pamela H. Gilbert - Two Killed At Railroad Crossing
April N. Harlan, Dorie L. Krause: Second Teen Dies After Collision Monday
Archie C. Richardson - Body Of North County Man Found In Car In Louisiana
Athanasios Damalas; Local Restaurateur

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Barney E. Adams: Asphalt Truck Overturns; Driver Killed
Benjamin Frank - Baby Born Hours After Fatal Crash
Chad R. Edghill: Unnoticed By 4 Adults, Boy, 5, Drowns In Pool
Cheryl Rodgers - Fourth Person Dies After Collision
Clarence O. Flincy - Glenn T. Eeson - 2 Men Fatally Injured In Auto Crashes In State
D'Angelo Cunningham - St. Louis Boy, 10, Drowns At Water Park
David Burnside - 1 Killed, 4 Hurt In Head-on Crash
Frank Vesser, 87; Insurance Executive
J. Peeler, 57, Of St. Charles [Rites]
Jerry Smith; Headed Lumber Company
Jessica Brewick: Girl, 6, Is Killed In ATV Accident
Kellie Slaton - Car Hits Garbage Truck; Woman Killed
Lisa V. Jones - Patric Shawn O'Mara - Scott A. Enloe - Crash Kills 3; Charges Studied
Michael Harrington, 61; Wrote 'Other America'
Peggy Bartling, Dawn Feary: Woman, Teen-ager Killed In Separate Accidents
Rafael Vazquez, 75; Warehouse Worker
Richard Wesley Eveans Jr. - Mother Charged With Killing Boy Deaths Of Her 2 Other Children Investigated
September 1989
Aaron Schwartz - Boy, 2, Drowns In Pond On Family Farm
Anthony W. Hinchcliff - South County Man, 25, Killed When Pickup Runs Off I-44
August A. Busch Jr. - Legendary Friends Remember A 'Most Unusual Character'
Bettye J. Christian, 59; Camdenton, Mo.
Carolyn Vandegriff McDonnell; Was Prominent In Civic Groups
Christopher Simmers, 10; Moscow Mills
Dorothy Peterson, 88; Helped Girl Scouts
Edwin Albert Huber, 70, Of St. Peters
Gary A. Korte - Lonnie Brawley - Brian D. Welch - 3 Dead In Area Road Accidents
Gus G. Konrad; Former Builder, Athlete
Hal D. White, 49; Chesterfield [Rites]
Harold A. Leonard; Helped Veterans
J.H. Vatterott Dies; Builder, Philanthropist
James E. Franklin - Drug Suspect Killed By Berkeley Officer



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Kilian F. Fritsch, 73; Belleville Surgeon
Levi F. Borntrager - Samuel W. Borntrager - Amish Mourn 2 Boys
Lillian J. Mansfield - Man Confesses, Leads Police To Wife's Body
Lois J. Riechard - Woman, 43, Is Killed In Auto Accident
Loretta Ramshaw, 92; Active Democrat
Michael A. McNew - Fatal Chase Within Police Policy, Official Says
Mireille Gbale - Rita Gbale - 10 Killed On Missouri's Roads Over Weekend
Paul Barrett, 87; Ex-Court Commissioner
Robert Ragsdale - Boy Pulled Into Drain Perishes
Steven Eads - One Dead, Three Are Injured
Thad W. Stewart - Michael R. Henry - Albert H. Mayerhoffer - Crashes Kill 3 Missourians In Two Days
Vera M. Gillette, 69, Of Weldon Spring
William J. Hedley; Executive, Former 2-Term Clayton Mayor
October 1989
Arthur M. Spining III, 55, Of St. Charles
Bill Weseman - Mike Weseman Jr. - Doris Weseman - Mother Killed In Trying To Save Sons From Blaze
Carl G. Brawley - William F. Rohrbach, Jr. - 2 Men From Area Killed In Traffic Accidents
Daniel L. Short, 51; Murdered Banker
Darren Young - Weekend Crashes Kill 4 In Fenton, Hermann
Gary M. Mickelsen - Collision With School Bus Kills Driver Of Car, Injures 5 People
Gayla Carlton - Catrina Cotrell - David Shane Warren - Dana Waltman - Jason Williams - Pedestrian Bridge Falls; 5
Helen Wendt, 84, Of O'Fallon [Rites]
Isabelle Ohrn
Jack DeLargy, 75; Retired HUD Official
James H. Montgomery, 91, Of O'Fallon
Judith Reckamp [Funeral]
Marilyn J. Huber; Was Nursing Specialist
Mass For Joseph A. Hogan, 72, Of Troy
Michael Coy: Federal Agents Join Car Bombing Investigation
Myron Schwartz, 78; Headed Human Relations Commission
Natalie Ellis - David Cathey Jr. - Tanya Cathey - Missouri Town Mourns 3 Who Died In Freezer
Paige McBryan - Child, 1, Killed In Fall From Cliff Father, 30, Injured In 50-Foot Plunge

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Paige McBryan - Girl's Death Spurs Probe At Forest
Raymond LaBrayere [Rites]
W. Ronald Woodall; Safety Engineer
Wilma Plaster - Officials Identify Dismembered Body
November 1989
Alonzo F. Stark; Retired Bank Executive
Audrene Scism, 54; Missionary In Asia
C. Gary Jost, 51; Ex-Monsanto Manager
Catherine Agnes Bine, 69, Of St. Peters
Charles W. Jundro - Lawrence Kleiboeker - Michael Manues - Joseph Capraro - Police Defend Chase Fiery Crash Killed 4 Near JB Bridge
Cyril Potthast - Eugene G. Piel - I-44 Crash Kills Overland Man; 3 Others Die In Other Crashes
Danny Brewer - Potosi Man Killed In Crash
Donald G. LaGrand, 58, Of St. Charles
Esther Etzkow, 70; Real Estate Broker
Eva Selsor - 'It Can't Happen Twice' After Surviving Crash, Woman Faces 2nd Wrong-Way Vehicle
Floyd Rich, 59; Warrensburg Publisher
Grace Preston - \$21,000 Found In Apartment Following Death Of 'Bag Lady'
Helen Barrett, 80; Taught In Mehlville
James M. Bergman - Three From Region Are Killed In Road Crashes Over Weekend
Jeanette Helling - Raymond Helling - Two Charged In 1988 Deaths
Jimmie Harvey - John W. Freeman - Paul J. Cowart - Farm Couple Are Charged With Murder
Joe C. Kamp - Crash Near Fenton Kills Pickup Driver
Jon Abram - Woman Held; Tried To Cash Policy On Son
Joseph Vincent Forst; Postal Accountant
Larry D. Birkla, 49; Berkeley City Manager, Ex-Police Chief
Lloyd George Venard, 90; Radio Pioneer
Marsha McCorkle - Metro East Bears Brunt Of Winds
Nicholas Snyder - Woman Is Charged With Son's Murder
Paul 'Pete' Page; State Legislator
Ramia Montgomery - Clues Sought In Slaying Of Columbia, Mo., Girl
Robert L. Caine - Man Is Questioned In Stabbing Death

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Robert N. Pendergrass, 70; Retired SIUE Math Professor
Ruth M. Sprague - St. Louis Woman Killed In Car Crash
Samuel C. Krause Jr.; Mayor Of Warson Woods Since 1984
Terry L. Cull - Woman Killed In Collision Of Car, Bus
Webb Brennan Bracy, 74; Educator And Humor Writer
December 1989
Albert Pogrelis Of Wentzville [Rites]
Bernard J. Bergjans, 60, Of St. Peters
Billy Martin - Driver In Martin Death Was Drunk
Fred C. Daues, 63; Brick Contractor
George R. Lantz; Had Bakery, Was Active In Civic Affairs
H.M. Eaton; Educator, Funeral Director
James L. Miller Sr.; Publisher Of Washington Missourian
Joe D. Priest
Joseph Ballard - One Killed, 5 Injured In Wreck
Kathy A. Nye - Nathaniel Franklin - Susan Stille - Joyce D. Denen - Auto Accidents
Ralph Bertel; Longtime Area Banker
Ray Suiter
Robert A. Pruitt - Ballwin Motorist Dies When Car Hits Pole
Roland A. Meier, 67, Of Warrenton
Scott Davis - Runaway Boy, 16, Dies After Car Hits Him
Thomas J. White; Developed West Port Plaza, Other Areas
William Dreon Bockhorst, 52, Of Troy
William R. Heisler, 63, Of St. Charles