

GRACIE ERWIN TANNER

1921-2009

JOPLIN:Gracie Erwin Tanner, 87, a homemaker, died on Saturday, June 20, 2009 in Bridgeport.

Gracie was born on November 13, 1921 to Joseph Henry and Jessie Hall Erwin in Joplin. She attended and graduated from Joplin school. Gracie married Joe W. Tanner, Jr. on December 7, 1939 in Jacksboro. After the war, Joe and Gracie moved to the Graham area where they lived for thirty years.

Joe preceded her in death in 2004. Also preceding her were her seven brothers: Coy, Fred, Bert, Charlie, Herman, Thur-man and R.B., and one sister, Letha Bell.

Survivors include her seven children, in whom she delighted, four daughters and three sons: Joann Bishop and husband Bob, Bonnie Carol Allin, Mickey Johnson and husband Orvel, Judy Kotrlik and husband Joe, Gary Tanner and wife Bennie, Bill Tanner, and Mike Tanner and wife Donna. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 10 great grand children and 7 great great grandchildren, sister-in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Joplin. Burial: Joplin Fairview Cemetery.

Reverends Billy Earl Rhone and Loury Drue Nero officiated.

Pallbearers were Chris Kot-rlik, Henry Erwin, Regulo Martinez, David Tanner, Jimmy Vestel, and Stephen Mock.

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