

**Hester Joppie**

NASHVILLE — Mrs. Hester Joppie, 82, of 814 Reed St., died Thursday in a nursing home at Baltimore Township.

She is survived by three sons, H. M. Joppie of Muskegon, Alton of Monroe and Maurice of Lansing; two brothers, Seth and Martin Graham of Nashville, six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Vogt Funeral Home, with burial in Sunfield Cemetery.

**Ernest Austin**

VERMONTVILLE — Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Vermontville Methodist Church for Ernest Austin, 71, a retired farmer of 636 S. Main St. Burial will be in Gresham Cemetery.

Mr. Austin died Wednesday in Lake Wales, Fla., where he was spending the winter. The body will arrive Sunday at Vogt Funeral Home here.

Mr. Austin is survived by his wife, Ada; four sons, Ellis, a serviceman missing in action in Vietnam, Charles of Vermontville, Orson of Titus, Fla., and Andrew of Texas, and 11 grandchildren.

**Gaylord Dean Killed Monday In Car Crash**

Funeral services for Gaylord W. Dean, 27, of Hollywood, Calif., a former Vermontville resident, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Vermontville Congregational Church. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mr. Dean was killed early Monday in an automobile accident in Los Angeles.

He had been employed for the past three years by Tony Pierra, an interior decorator.

He was born Feb. 11, 1940, in Nashville, the son of Dana and Hazel (McIntire) Dean. He was graduated from Vermontville High School and was a member of the Congregational Church.

In addition to his parents, who now live in Vermontville, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. R. J. (Sharon) Hover of Grand Rapids, formerly of Hastings, and Mrs. Stanley (Karla) Foltz of Hastings.

**Ira Hager**

VERMONTVILLE—Ira Hager, 89, a lifelong resident of the Vermontville area, died Wednesday at the Barry County Medical Facility.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Myrtie Coppess, and one son, Merton, both of Sunfield, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Mapes-Fisher Funeral Home in Sunfield.

**Funeral Services Held for Former Resident**

Funeral services were held for Miss Myrtle E. Collier, 61, of Lake Odessa Thursday, Jan. 5, from the Mapes-Fisher Funeral Home in Sunfield. Miss Collier passed away January 2nd at a Hastings hospital after a long illness.

She was born September 24, 1905 in Sunfield Township, the daughter of Fred and Ella (Showerman) Collier. She lived her entire life in the vicinity of Sunfield and was a graduate of Sunfield High School. After the death of her mother in 1962 she made her home with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr and Mrs Lance Brooke in Lake Odessa. She was a member of the Hoytville Free Methodist Church.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs Berniece Brooke of Lake Odessa; a brother, Vern Collier, of Mason; several nieces and nephews.

The Rev. Oris Scott officiated at the 2 p.m. service and Ralph Showerman sang. Interment was in Sunfield Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Merlin Brooke, Royce Brooke, John Harkness, Jerene Collier, Ray Elliott and Harold Hanna.

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