

GRACIE CARTER

10/24/1948 - 12/16/1998

Gracie V. Carter, 50, Independence, Mo., formerly of Joplin, died at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1998, at her home after a sudden illness.

Miss Carter was born Oct. 24, 1948, at Carthage. She moved to Joplin in 1959 and graduated in 1966 from Joplin High School. She had been an employee of Southwestern Bell for 30 years, working in Joplin, Springfield, Independence, and Kansas City, Mo. She was a member of Forest Park Baptist Church, Joplin and the Telephone Pioneers of America. She also was a member of the Communications Workers of America union in Kansas City.

Survivors include her mother, Treva Carter, Joplin; a brother, Harold Carter Jr., Independence; and two sisters, Valerie Bateman, Joplin, and Deborah Speer, Miami, Oklahoma.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Harmony Heights Baptist Church, Joplin, with the Rev. Charlie Davidson and the Rev. Charlie Burnett officiating. Burial will be in Faskin Cemetery, east of Carthage.

Pallbearers will be Jordan Olsen, Jeff Bateman, Steve Nelson, Matt Walters, Gary Speer and Dean Johnson.

Visitation will be from 7 to 8 p.m. today at Parker Mortuary, Joplin.

Contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House of the Four States, in care of the mortuary.

The family will be at the home of the mother, 2008 Arizona Ave., Joplin.