

From the Wednesday, June 27, 2012 edition of the Charleston (Arkansas) Express:

Judith A. Karns, 73 of Charleston, passed away Sunday, June 17, 2012 in Fort Smith. She was born September 23, 1938 in Kankakee, ILL to Joseph Lazzara and Dolores Fritz Lazzara. She worked in Housekeeping for Greenhurst Nursing Center and as a cook at Sula Mae's Caf/. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her father, her husband Hugh Karns, one sister Carol Kennitz and one son-in-law John Clayton. She is survived by her mother, Dolores Lazzara of Barling, AR; three daughters, Laurie Karns of Kankakee, Ill, Amy Adair of Charleston and Suzie Clayton of Ft. Smith; two sons, Jeffrey and wife Janie Karns and Andy and wife Mandie Karns all of Charleston; one sister, Linda Reed of Bradley, Ill.; grandchildren, Jessica & Josh Underwood and Tricia & Terry Harrower all of Charleston; Michelle Calhoun of Fort Smith; Cinda & Joel Feemster of Centerton, Layne & Haygen Karns & Meghan Gentry of Charleston; great grandchildren, Cayden & Rylan Feemster; Addyson & Easton Underwood; and Cohen Harrower. Pallbearers were Josh Underwood, Terry Harrower, Joel Feemster, Jason Dear, Emory Sory and Bryan Clem. Honorary were Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren.

From the Wednesday, June 20, 2012 edition of the Fort Smith (Arkansas) Times-Record:

Judith A. Karns, 73, of Charleston passed away Sunday, June 17, 2012, in Fort Smith. She was born Sept. 23, 1938, in Kankakee, Ill., to Joseph Lazzara and Dolores Fritz Lazzara. She worked in housekeeping for Greenhurst Nursing Center and as a cook at Sula Mae's Caf?. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her father; her husband, Hugh Karns; one sister, Carol Kennitz; and one son-in-law, John Clayton. Rosary will be today at 7 p.m. at Smith Mortuary with funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Smith Mortuary. She is survived by her mother, Delores Lazzara of Barling; three daughters, Laurie Karns of Kankakee, Amy Adair of Charleston and Suzie Clayton of Fort Smith; two sons, Jeffrey and wife Janie Karns and Andy and wife Mandie Karns, all of Charleston; one sister, Linda Reed of Bradley, Ill.; grandchildren, Jessica and Josh Underwood and Tricia and Terry Harrower, all of Charleston, Michelle Calhoun of Fort Smith, Cinda and Joel Feemster of Centerton, Layne and Haygen Karns and Meghan Gentry of Charleston; and great-grandchildren, Cayden and Rylan Feemster, Addyson and Easton Underwood and Cohen Harrower. Pallbearers will be Josh Underwood, Terry Harrower, Joel Feemster, Jason Dear, Emory Sory and Bryan Clem. Honorary pallbearers will be grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The family will visit with friends after the rosary. To sign a guestbook, go to www.smithmortuaryinc.com.