

Record of
Virgil Austin West
Great-Great-Great-Grandson of Barnabas Madison Poe

Born: September 18, 1924; Maries County, Missouri
Father: Joseph Cleveland **West**
Mother: Gertie Melinda **Koerber**
Married: April 7, 1977; Linn, Osage County, Missouri
Location: 2008, Vienna, Missouri

Wife: Dorothy Fern **Light**
Born: April 28, 1923; Osage County, Missouri
Father: Joseph Harrison **Light**
Mother: Martha Ellen **Johnson**
Died: August 28, 2001; Vienna, Maries County, Missouri
Buried: Breeding Cemetery, Freeburg, Osage County,
Missouri

Children; Date and Birthplace:

No Children were born to this marriage.

Source: Data provided by Alfred **Wagner** from Gertie **West** Family Bible
"Maries County, Missouri", Volume II, 1990
Dorothy Fern **West** Obituary, Maries County Gazette, September 5,
2001
Fern **West** Obituary, Unterrified Democrat, Linn, Missouri,
September 5, 2001
Marriage License: Dorothy Fern Light and Arthur Decker; October
14, 1939
Marriage License: Dorothy Farn Decker and James Raymond
Alexander; June 30, 1947

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Obituaries

Dorothy Fern West

Dorothy Fern **West** of Dixon, formerly of Vienna, was born April 28, 1923 at Argyle, a daughter of Joseph Harrison and Martha Ellen **Johnson Light**, and departed this life at 1:30 P.M., Tuesday, August 28, 2001, in Maries Manor Health Center, Vienna following a brief illness. Mrs. **West** had attained the age of 78 years and four months.

Mrs. **West** was united in marriage on April 7, 1977 in Linn, to Virgil Austin **West**. Mrs. **West** was preceded in death by one son, James Edward **Decker** on April 3, 1974, her father in August of 1938; her mother on July 21, 1965; five brothers, Wilford "Jack" **Light**; William Samuel **Light**, Dillard Harrison "Toots" **Light** on July 28, 1986; Alfred Everett "Bud" **Light** on July 21, 1994; and an infant brother, George **Light**; and one sister, Flossie Jane **Curtis** on July 28, 1979.

Mrs. **West** was a factory worker and devoted housewife and homemaker, and was always diligent in providing for her family.

Those left to mourn the passing of Mrs. **West** include: her husband, Virgil **West** of rural Dixon; one son, Bobby J. **Decker**, Dixon; one sister, Elizabeth **Chandler**, Vienna; three grandchildren, David Carl **Decker**, Robert Dale **Decker**, and Lisa Lynn **Decker**; three great-grandchildren, Justin Edward **Decker**, Victor Allen **McCallister**, and Robert Patrick **Decker**, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted for Mrs. West at 10:00 a. m. on Tuesday morning, September 4, 2001, in the Vienna Chapel of Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes, with Rev. Cellis **Crum** officiating. Two hymns "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "Beyond The Sunset" were sung for the service.

Interment was in the Breeding Cemetery near Freeburg under the direction of the Vienna Chapel of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes. Pallbearers for Mrs. **West** were Randy **Noblett**, Joe **West**, Robnert **Decker**, Ronald **Chandler**, Mark **Noblett**, and James **Arcand**.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society with envelopes available at the Vienna Office of the Birmingham-Martin Funeral Homes.

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Fern West

Services were Tuesday at the Birmingham-Martin Funeral. Home in Vienna for Fern **West**, 78, of Dixon, a native of Argyle.

Mrs. **West** died Aug 28 at a Vienna nursing home. Burial was in the Breeding Cemetery south of Freeburg.

Mrs. **West** was born April 28 1923 to Joseph and Martha **Johnson Light**; she was married April t 1977, at Linn to Virgil **West**, who survives in Dixon.

A factory worker and homemaker, she had lived at Vienna.

Other survivors include a son, Bobby **Decker** of Dixon; a sister, Elizabeth **Chandler**; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Another son, James **Decker**, preceded her in death.

Notes: Dorothy Fern **West** was married twice before; to Arthur **Decker** and James Raymond **Alexander**.