

The Burlington Hawk Eye, Wednesday 19 January 2005

Samuel Ross, 52, of Rantoul, Illinois, formerly of Burlington, died Sunday, January 16, 2005 at Carle Hospital in Urbana, Illinois.

Mr. Ross was a foreman at J.I. Case for 10 years, supervisor at Eagle Wings for eight years and worked at Carle Hospital.

He played high school basketball in Burlington and holds records for rebounds, assists and points. He coached Sandy Kofax Little League baseball for a number of years until his health failed. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and gardening shrubs and roses. He was a member of St. John AME.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Paul Robert Ross of California, Christopher Allen Ross of Joliet, Ill., and Maurice Eugene Ross of Danville, Ill.; one stepson, John Ryan Rodgers of Burlington; seven grandchildren; one sister, Juanita Ross Porter of Burlington; two brothers, Timothy Ross of Marian and Lawrence Ross of Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, grandparents, great-grandparents and one stepdaughter.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Prugh's Chapel, where the family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

The funeral for Mr. Ross will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church, with Pastor Steve Perkins officiating. Burial will be in Aspen Grove Cemetery.

Memorials have been established for Burlington Little League and Rantoul Little League.