

## Obituaries

### Darrel Potts, 64

Darrel Potts, 64, of Portsmouth, passed away Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006, at Southern Ohio Medical Center. Darrel was born May 25, 1942, in Adams County, a son of Marjorie Kathryn (Alexander) Potts, of Lucasville, and the late Rev. Tracy Francis Potts.

A graduate of Minford High School in 1960, he started his career at Minford Telephone Company as an installer repairman in 1965. Ten years later, he was named general manager and became top operational officer of Minford Telephone Company, leading the company through a period of growth and into advanced telephone technology. He was instrumental in bringing cellular service to Scioto, Ross, Pike, Jackson and Gallia counties in 1992, which was known as United States Cellular Corporation. For 32 years he was a loyal and faithful employee. Recently, he served as a board member of Minford Telephone Company.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Martha (Baxter) Potts; two daughters, Kimberly Potts, of Philadelphia, Pa., Sheri Potts Freese (Mike), of Belfontaine; three grandchildren, Christopher J. Blair (Laurie), Joshua R. Blair, McKenzie Blair; one step-granddaughter, Taylor Freese, of Columbus; two sisters, Martha Deemer (Larry) and Vickie Adkins (Mike), both of Lucasville; a sister-in-law, Sue Potts, of Minford; a brother-in-law, Dale Baxter (Terry), of Cleveland; as well as many nieces and nephews. He also was preceded in death by his father, Rev. Tracy Francis Potts; one brother, Gary Potts; a brother-in-law, Jeff Casto; and his father-in-law, Duncan M. Baxter.

Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, 2006, at Erwin-Dodson-Allen Funeral Home, in Minford, with Rev. Lonnie Potts officiating. Burial will be in Lucasville Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday and one hour before the services on Sunday.