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GERDENICS, Joseph J., Jr., 74, of Jefferson City died Friday, September 7, 2007 at Heisinger Bluffs. He was born July 16, 1933 in Brooklyn, New York a son of Joseph John and Mary Ann Hauprich Gerdenics. On December 30, 1951 in Lordsburg, New Mexico he was united in marriage to Lenoir Hickman, who survives at the home. Joseph worked for Hughes Aircraft Company for 34 years until his retirement as a General Supervisor of Quality Control. He was a member of St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church in Pinetop, Arizona where he had been active in the Knights of Columbus, and recently of St. Peter Catholic Church in Jefferson City. His biggest passion was playing golf, having three documented holes-in-one. Joseph was also an amateur archeologist, and enjoyed hunting, fishing and bowling. Other survivors include two daughters, Brenda Hickman of Mexico; Glenda Ruffner and husband Dennis of Russellville; one brother, Roger Gerdenics and wife Mary of Tucson, Arizona; one granddaughter, Kitrina Hoelscher and husband Jeff of Jefferson City; two great-grandchildren, Tyler and Jordan Renkemeyer; and two step great-grandchildren, Dylan and Colton Hoelscher. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 4, 2007 at the Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1300 N. Greasewood Road, Tucson, Arizona, 85745 with Fr. Bill Rimmel, SDS, officiating. Private entombment will be held at the Holy Hope Cemetery Mausoleum in Tucson. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the A.L.S. Association or Missouri River Hospice. Arrangements are under the direction **Houser-Millard Funeral Directors**, 2613 W. Main St., (573) 636-3838.

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