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Additional survivors include two daughters, Brenda Clarkson, of Pittsburg, and Bobby Clarkson, of Walnut; three brothers, Glenn Clarkson, of Arkansas City, and John Clarkson and Raymond "Ray" Clarkson, both of Pittsburg; and two sisters, Dorothy Monen, of Chapman, and Barbara Burke, of Chanute.

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