CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP
Form 8-K
December 18, 2009

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
**Washington, D.C. 20549**
**FORM 8-K**
**CURRENT REPORT**
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of**
**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**
**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 18, 2009 (December 16, 2009)**
**Centrue Financial Corporation**
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

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| 0-28846 | 36-3145350 |
| (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| 7700 Bonhomme Avenue<br>St. Louis, Missouri | 63105 |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | (Zip Code) |

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (314) 505-5500

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Centrue Financial Corporation (*Nasdaq: TRUE*), parent company of Centrue Bank, announced today with deep regret the death of its long-time Director Richard J. Dick Berry on December 16, 2009. Mr. Berry was 57 years old.

Dick was recognized as a well-respected leader, a trusted colleague and a true advocate of our Company, remarked Chairman of the Board Dennis J. McDonnell. More importantly, though, today we remember Dick as a friend who touched the lives of many and who will be deeply missed by all.

Mr. Berry had served as a Director of the former UnionBancorp, Inc. since 1985 and continued on as a Director when the corporation merged and was re-named Centrue Financial Corporation in the fourth quarter of 2006. At the time of his death, Mr. Berry was also serving on the Board of Directors for the Company s wholly owned subsidiary Centrue Bank.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Kurt R. Stevenson
Kurt R. Stevenson, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: December 18, 2009