



Alva Louise Rapp Gerlt

May 30, 2006

Alva Louise Rapp Gerlt, passed away Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles after a six-month battle with brain cancer. She was born on February 17, 1928, in Stover, Missouri, the daughter of Charles B. and Dolly Rapp.

She is a graduate of Stover High School and attended Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Missouri. On February 16, 1949, she married Irvin Gerlt. Alva was a lifelong homemaker and farming partner with her husband. She was a charter member of the Trinity Southern Baptist Church. She had a strong relationship with her Lord and lived it out in service to her church, family, and friends. She had the spiritual gift of helps and practiced hospitality continually.

Alva is survived by her husband of 57 years, Irvin of the home; three children, Jim Gerlt and wife Judy of Lubbock, Texas, Betty Richey and husband Brian of Jefferson City, Missouri, and Jerry Gerlt and wife Carla of Versailles; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by three brothers, Delmar Rapp, Bob Rapp, and Raymond

Rapp, two sisters, Irene Blackman and Alice Rapp, and one great-granddaughter, Riley May Gerlt.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 2, 2006, at the Trinity Southern Baptist Church in Versailles, with Reverend Chad Courter officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 1, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Interment will be in the Stover Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Trinity Southern Baptist Church or Community Hospices of America. To send sympathy e-mails to the family, visit www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.