



Betty Louise Whitsitt

November 9, 2010

Betty Louise Whitsitt, age 85, of Gravois Mills, passed away Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at the Laurie Care Center. She was born June 30, 1925, in Gravois Mills, Missouri, the daughter of the late Joseph Franklin and Jessie Lucille Williams Rumans.

She was united in marriage on March 26, 1950, to John R. Whitsitt, who preceded her in death on March 5, 1996.

Betty was a registered nurse starting her career at the hospital in Harrisonville, then on to the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Kansas City, as the head nurse of the surgical intensive care unit. After moving to the Lake of the Ozarks in the 70's, she worked at the Osage Beach Hospital as a nurse in the intensive care unit. She later became the Director of Nursing at the Laurie Care Center, and also worked as a nurse for Morgan County Home Health. She also enjoyed volunteering in the nursing field at various flu clinics and health screenings.

She was a member of and helped to build the West Lake Christian Church in Laurie. She was also a member of the West Lake Newcomer's Club, and the Lady Elks in Laurie.

Betty enjoyed crocheting and needle work of any kind.

She is survived by her daughter, Marsha Walters and husband Kendall of Gravois Mills; her son, John R. Whitsitt, Jr. and wife Sharla of Kansas City, Missouri; her brother, Wayne Rumans and wife Leota of Batesville, Arkansas; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Ben Joe Rumans, and two sisters, Jeanette Rumans and Anna Lee Wood.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 15, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Monday, at the funeral home. Graveside services and interment will be held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, at the Orient Cemetery in Harrisonville, Missouri. Memorial contributions are suggested to the West Lake Christian Church. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.