



Bonita Faye Miner

February 2, 2011

Bonita Faye Miner, age 71 years, 8 months, and 27 days, of Sunrise Beach, passed away Wednesday, February 2, 2011, at her home. She was born May 6, 1939, in Daviess County, Missouri, the daughter of the late Walter Alexander and Ada B. Thomas.

On September 10, 1961, in Hutchison, Kansas, she was united in marriage to Joseph Henry Steele, who preceded her in death due to a tragic accident on October 3, 1969. Later, on August 6, 1977, in Shiloh, Illinois, she married Oscar Ed Miner, who preceded her in death on February 26, 2008.

Bonita graduated in 1957, from Jamesport High School.

She worked in the food service industry as a waitress and bartender. She tended bar for 15 years at the American Legion Zack Wheat Post #624 in Sunrise Beach, until her retirement in April of 2010.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxillary, and the Lady Elk's in Illinois, St. Louis, and Osage Beach.

After Ed retired from Ford, they moved to the lake where they enjoyed fishing and boating. She loved spending time with friends and family, especially hosting many fish fries.

She fought and won a long battle with throat cancer. She was so proud that she never lost her hair due to her cancer treatments, and she enjoyed going to the beauty shop to get her hair fixed every Tuesday.

Bonita was always there to brighten the day and always helped in any way she could.

She is survived by her sister, Frances McLaughlin of Altamont, Missouri; her nieces, Anita Foster and husband David E. of Osage Beach and Linda Tackett of Excelsior Springs, Missouri; her nephew, Johnnie Thomas; her great-niece, Wendy Foster of Columbia, Missouri; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by an infant brother, Billie Jo Thomas, an infant sister, Mary Katherine Thomas, and her brothers, Howard Thomas and Richard Thomas.

A memorial service will be held at the American Legion Zack Wheat Post #624 in Sunrise Beach at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Legion Zack Wheat Post #624. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.