



## Dowell Frances Mary

March 3, 2005

Mary Frances Dowell, age 88, of Kansas City, Kansas, passed away Thursday evening, March 3, 2005 at the Life Care Center in Kansas City, Kansas. She was born January 6, 1917, in Excelsior, MO, the daughter of William Porter and Elva Victorene Gabriel O'Neal.

She was united in marriage on February 4, 1941 with James Edward Dowell who preceded her in death on January 11, 1992.

Mary and James moved from their forty- acre farm in Latham to Kansas City, Kansas in 1949. Mary was mainly a housewife, taking care of her family. She worked for a while at Midland Manufacturing after her children were older. After James's death, Mary lived by herself at their home in Kansas City, Kansas. As her health and age took a toll on her, she spent the winters with each one of her daughters. Mary loved having her daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren around her. She spent her time reading books; she loved to travel and most of all she tried not to miss watching KU basketball games on TV.

Mary has had heart problems since 1996. She fell and broke her hip in February. She spent her last days in a nursing home about three miles from her home on Sloan.

She is survived by three daughters, Mildred Berniece Lowe and husband Glover of Linn Valley, KS, Shirley Ann Owen of Shawnee, KS, and Betty Louise Lowe and husband Julius of Wheatland, MO; seven grandsons, Jim Lowe and wife Debbie of Thompson Station, TN, Tim Lowe and wife Belinda of Kansas City, KS, Larry Lowe and wife Jodie of Broken Arrow, OK, Ricky Lowe and wife Stacey of Kansas City, KS, Wes Owen of Lenexa, KS, Chris Owen of Kearney, MO, and Andy Owen of Shawnee, KS; two granddaughters, Kimberly Ann Andrews and husband Jeff of Shawnee, KS, and Michelle Lee Carmoney and husband Bryon of Kansas City, KS; six great-grandchildren, Amber, Nicolas, Ryan, Nicole, Matthew, and Heidi; two step-great-grandchildren, Josh and Heather Andrews; and one step-great-great-grandson, Skylar Andrews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Beulah, Rosa, and Lenora; and two brothers, Ennis and Barney.

Funeral Services were held at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 8, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. The family received friends from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. Tuesday at the funeral home. Interment was in the Green Grove Cemetery near Latham, with grandsons serving as casketbearers. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Heart Association. To send sympathy e-mails, visit [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). Arrangements were under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles.