



Elizabeth (Betty) Benda

January 25, 2007

Elizabeth (Betty) Benda, age 88, of Sunrise Beach, passed away Thursday morning, January 25, 2007 at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles. She was born November 21, 1918 in Shreveport, Louisiana, the daughter of Orin A. and Bessie Louise Clark Gilson.

She was united in marriage on February 23, 1946 in Baltimore, Maryland with Anton (Tony) Benda.

Mrs. Benda was employed in the personal department at Look Magazine from 1939 to 1972, and retired in 1980 from Communications Data Services, Inc., a company that originated from Look Magazine. The Benda's first came to the Lake of the Ozarks in the early sixties, and became permanent residents following her retirement. Betty was a member of the Shrine of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie, past president of the Shrine of St. Patrick Guild, West Side Club, Fishing Club, worked with the Hillbilly Fair Committee, was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 624, an honorary member of PHI TAU Omega Sorority, Sigma Lambda Chapter of Des Moines, Iowa. She was a member of the Ozark Yachting Club and Power Squadron, and was Association Manager of Sunrise Ridge Condominiums for several years.

She is survived by her husband Tony Benda of the home; foster sister-in-law Margaret Feeley of Des Moines, IA; cousins Nancy and Herbert McDannel of

Tuscaloosa, AL, Kerry Billedeau and Clark Marter of Kenner, LA, Frances Kranker of Franklin, KS, and many other relatives and friends.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 29, at the Shrine of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie. Interment will be in the St. Patrick Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. Sunday, January 28, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie-Sunrise Beach Chapel in Laurie, where the Rosary will be prayed at 6:00 p.m. To send sympathy condolences for the family online visit www.kidwellgarber.com. Memorial donations are suggested to the Shrine of St. Patrick Catholic Church or any animal shelter of the donor's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Laurie.