



Ella Mae Caviness

May 25, 2008

Ella Mae Caviness, age 82, of Gravois Mills, passed away, Sunday, May 25, 2008, at the Laurie Care Center. She was born December 19, 1925, in Dixon, Missouri, the daughter of Bill and Esta Jane Loague Shanks.

On September 15, 1949, she was united in marriage with Johnnie Lee Caviness, who preceded her in death on September 18, 1999.

Ella Mae was a member of the VFW Auxiliary 5178 of Versailles where she had served as Treasurer and Secretary, was a charter member of the VFW Post 5902 of Gravois Mills, where she had served as President, was a National VAVS representative, and she volunteered at the Harry S. Truman Veterans Memorial Hospital in Columbia since 1973. She was a member of the Gravois Mills United Methodist Church. In her spare time she enjoyed playing the flattop guitar.

She is survived by two sons, William F. Kodadek of Enterprise, Alabama, and Adrian Lee "Spud" Caviness of Gravois Mills; one daughter, Esta Stricklin of Gravois Mills; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Henrietta Soppelsa of Union, Missouri; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Henry David Caviness in 1976, a brother, Loren Shanks, and a daughter-in-law, Marion Kodadek in December of 2007.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 28, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Interment will be held in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Harry S. Truman Veterans Memorial Hospital in Columbia. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.