



Laura May Hays

February 8, 2011

Laura May Hays, age 89, of Laurie, passed away Tuesday February 8, 2011, at the Laurie Knolls.

She was born January 25, 1922, in Wilton, Minnesota, to Arthur and Ethel Rogers. She was adopted at the age of seven, following her mother's death, by Carl and Sophie Tanberg, whom she spent seven years with.

She graduated from Breckenridge, Minnesota High School, and attended Moorhead State College.

She married G. L. Thompson on September 13, 1942. Four children were born to this union; Stephen, Joan, Curtis and Paul. She later married Burnice W. Hays on May 19, 1962.

After retiring, she and her husband moved to the Lake of the Ozarks.

She was a member of the Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church in Laurie, the Hurricane Deck Lady Lions, American Legion Auxiliary, V.F.W. Auxiliary, and the Nursing Home Guild.

Laura is survived by two sons, Steve Thompson and wife Janet of Olympia, Washington, and Paul Thompson and wife Melba of Clinton, North Carolina, and one daughter, Joan Adams and husband Jerry of Renton, Washington. Also, one sister, Margaret Richmond of Chico, California, eight grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, and numerous other relatives and friends.

She spent twenty-two years entertaining at the Laurie Care Center and Laurie Knolls. This was a weekly activity plus playing on special occasions for the residents.

Her main hobbies were playing the piano and knitting sweaters.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Bernie, both sets of parents, her foster brother, her two brothers Art and Allen, a sister, Leone, and a granddaughter, Tammie.

A graveside service and entombment will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 17, 2011, at Garber Memorial Estates Columbarium in Laurie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1096, Laurie, Missouri 65038, or the Westside Senior Center, P.O. Box 1460, Laurie, Missouri 65038. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.