



Lois Virginia Burris

October 14, 1913 - July 11, 2011

Mrs. Lois Virginia Burris was one of five children; her parents William “Bill” Tutt & Belle Chism-Tutt welcomed her into the world on October 14, 1913, in Versailles, Missouri.

Lois accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of the United Methodist Church, in California, Missouri. Lois also enjoyed being a frequent attendee of the Second Baptist Church in Versailles.

She attended school in Versailles, Sedalia, and graduated from high school in St. Louis, Missouri.

Lois was united in marriage on February 10, 1942, to Lawyer Burris, they were blessed to have shared 60 years of marriage, and she remained his devoted wife until his death on May 13, 2001.

Lois truly loved being a part of the Versailles community. She enjoyed meeting people, socializing, farming, gardening, and had a delightful passion for fishing. Lois volunteered for many different organizations, but one that she was most proud of was having had the opportunity of transporting African Americans from all over Missouri to register and to vote during the Civil Rights movement.

Lois remained in Versailles until her health began to fail, and in July of 2010, she decided to move to Chicago, Illinois, to live with her great-niece, Sherri Tutt.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: Harry Tutt, Jessie Tutt, Leatha Tutt and Edna Tutt.

She leaves to mourn many nieces and nephews: Lorenzo Tutt, Sr. and his wife Julia of Kansas City; Lorenzo Tutt, Jr. of Joplin; Lorenzo Tutt, III of St. Louis; Latoi Works, of St. Louis; Katrina McCoy, of Kansas City; Evelyn Jones, of Kansas City; Edmond Brooks, of Sanford, North Carolina; Flora Richardson, of Kansas City; Sherri Tutt, of Chicago, Illinois; Larry Burris of Kansas City; Nancy Burris, Sharon Buckingham, Brenda Wheeler, and Jeff Burris, all of Versailles, Linda Hinson of North Las Vegas, Pamela Ferguson of Jefferson City, Reverend Robert Ross of Versailles; Phillip Ross of San Diego, CA; Harland Ross of Jefferson City; sister-in-law: Luvenia Burris of Tipton, and many other loving family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 Noon, Saturday, July 16, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with the Reverend Helen Payne officiating. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Versailles Cemetery with Lorenzo Tutt, Jr., Lorenzo Tutt III, Dorsey Caviness, Jeff Burris, Mike Daulton, and Joseph Woods serving as casketbearers. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, Saturday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Service

JUL 16. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Lois when I was a little boy in the early 1950s. She'd come out to the Moreau Creek on our farm north of Versailles and fish. What a wonderful pleasure it was for me to take my wife to visit her and Lawyer about 18 years ago. We also went back and visited her after the passing of Lawyer. She had a wonderful life story and it was a joy to tell her about our visits to the National Civil Rights Museum in Nashville and the Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham. She knew what it was to struggle for civil rights!



When my father, Ward Kerr, was in his final illness, Lois came out to the farm and sang for him. I am so thankful for Lois's neighbor, helping us make contact with Lois and Lawyer. He told me to keep knocking because they were at home. How nice it is that Dorsey is a pall bearer for Lois!

Tom & Yvonne Kerr
Monett, Mo.

Tom Kerr - July 16, 2011 at 09:49 AM

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“ Lois, I will miss our telephone conversations. You always made me laugh. Also, you always had vital information about family, that I was not aware. I will truly miss you dearly, but I know you are in a better place. We are all striving to get there at some point in time. You are gone, but not forgotten. Miss you. Phyllis Lacy Rowles

Phyllis Lacy Rowles - July 16, 2011 at 07:38 AM