



Mary Lou (Carter) Lawson

November 3, 2010

Mary Lou (Carter) Lawson, age 79, of Fortuna, passed away Wednesday morning, November 3, 2010, at her home. She was born July 31, 1931, in Fortuna, the daughter of the late Virgil Oliver and Beulah Marie (Bridges) Carter.

On November 26, 1950, at the Fortuna United Methodist Church, she married Billie Tom Lawson, who preceded her in death on June 9, 2007.

Mrs. Lawson graduated from Tipton High School in 1949, and attended Central Missouri State College. She worked at Carter's Store in Tipton and Fortuna. She was a Cub Scout and 4-H leader. She was a member of the Fortuna United Methodist Women, Fortuna Area Senior Citizens, the Happy Homemaker's Club, and was the collector for the Public Water Supply District #1.

She is survived by her two sons, David Thomas Lawson and wife Kathy of Waynesville and Richard Carter Lawson and wife Joy of Fortuna; her daughter, Lynda Ann Lawson of Fortuna; four grandchildren, Courtney Long and husband Colin of Waynesville, Carter Lawson and Katie Lawson both of Columbia, and Andy Lawson of Tipton; one great-grandson, Connor Long of Waynesville; her sister, Erma Lee Johnson of Fortuna; and two sisters-in-law, Lucile Carter and Melva Dean Cobb both of Tipton. In addition to her parents

and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Lloyd Oliver Carter and John Norman Carter, and one sister, Rosa Mae Ball.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, November 5, at the Fortuna United Methodist Church with the Reverend Richard Parker officiating. Interment will follow in the Moreau Cemetery in Tipton. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, at the Fortuna United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Fortuna United Methodist Church or the Fortuna Area Senior Citizens. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.