



Mary B. Shipley

July 9, 1915 - December 19, 2011

Mary B. Shipley, age 96, of Gravois Mills, passed away Monday, December 19, 2011, at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles. She was born July 9, 1915, in Turney, Missouri, the daughter of the late Paul C. and Alice Fry Breckenridge.

In 1939, she was united in marriage to Harlen E. Shipley, who preceded her in death.

In 1959, Mary and Harlen left Kansas City to be their own bosses, purchasing what became Ship's Pier. When the pier was damaged, the business was renamed Ship's Marina. They later owned the Apache Motel (currently Water's Edge) for 17 years. They also managed, and later purchased, Ozark Boat Storage.

Mary was very active in Gravois Mills throughout her life. She was very involved in the Gravois Merchants Association, was treasurer of the Gravois Arm Association, had been secretary/treasurer for Gravois Mills since 1965, she fought to keep the Post Office in Gravois Mills, she was chairman of the Gravois Mills Bicentennial Committee, and did much of the background work to start the sewer district in Gravois Mills.

She was a member of BPW, a life member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary,

Gravois Mills Crime Watch since 1988, assisted with the Missouri Rural Crisis Center, and was an avid supporter of the NRA.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Valarie Garrison and husband Lynn of Overland Park, Kansas; her granddaughter, Tammy Smith and husband Bob of Titusville, Florida; her great-grandson, Joey Smith of Titusville, Florida; and many friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Kent C. Shipley.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 27, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Dr. Todd Forman officiating. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Garber Memorial Estates Cemetery in Laurie. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the local charity of the donor's choice.

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

Cemetery Details

Garber Memorial Estates

417 Silvey Rd.
Laurie, MO 65038
(573) 374-7688

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **27**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

DEC **27**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Dennis Almsberger lit a candle in memory of Mary B. Shipley*



Dennis Almsberger - December 27, 2011 at 11:46 AM

PP

“ *Peggy Penrod lit a candle in memory of Mary B. Shipley*



Peggy Penrod - December 22, 2011 at 10:02 AM

JB

“ *Jan Bethel lit a candle in memory of Mary B. Shipley*



Jan Bethel - December 20, 2011 at 01:01 PM