



## Melba L. Battles

August 15, 2009

Melba L. Battles, age 60, of Tipton, passed away Saturday, August 15, 2009, at St. Mary's Health Center in Jefferson City. She was born December 14, 1948, in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, the daughter of the late John Thomas and Eunice Rayl Porter.

On October 26, 1991, in Tipton, she was united in marriage to David M. Battles, who survives of the home.

Melba retired from the maintenance department at MODOT. In her spare time, she enjoyed going to garage sales, canning, butchering, gardening, and deer hunting.

In addition to her husband, David, she is survived by her son, William Thomas Hill of Kentucky; her daughters, Ann Fields of Tipton, Jessica McGrath of Eldon, and Roberta Jo Dunn of McGirk; her step-son, Michael Battles of Shawnee, Kansas; her step-daughter, Tina Harrill of Lincoln, Nebraska; twenty-two grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; her brother, Robert Porter of Lake Pomme de Terre; four sisters, Willa Dean Fiedler of Pacific, Missouri, Joyce Sowl of Green Ridge, Missouri, Judy VanDenheuvel of the state of California, and Ann Mason of Torrance, California; and many other relatives and friends.

There are no memorial services planned at this time. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.