



## Ruth Ford Stephenson

June 11, 2008

Ruth Ford Stephenson, age 82, of Sunrise Beach, passed away Wednesday morning, June 11, 2008, at the Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. She was born March 19, 1926, in Winston, Missouri, the daughter of the late Floyd and Mildred Zimmerman Ford.

On October 9, 1942, in Hiawatha, Kansas, she was united in marriage with Max E. Stephenson, who survives of the home.

Ruth sold real estate in the Kansas City area for 25 years for Eugene Brown, and then at the lake for 25 years for Clayton Fink. She enjoyed baking, especially for her grandchildren, and dining and visiting at the American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624 in Sunrise Beach and the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 in Laurie. She was a member of the Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church in Laurie.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Ed Stephenson and wife Melinda and Scott Stephenson and wife Pam both of Leawood, Kansas; five grandchildren, Joe, Tom, Jeff, and Brad Stephenson, and Caitlin Stephenson Beam; one great-grandson, Sean Anderson; one sister, Evelyn Rich of Texas; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Ted E. Stephenson, on June 5, 2006.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, June 13, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Laurie with Reverend Rick White officiating. Interment will be held in the Garber Memorial Estates Cemetery in Laurie. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the S.T.A.F.F. animal shelter in Laurie. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at [www.kidwellgarber.com](http://www.kidwellgarber.com). Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.