



## Vivian Elley

August 2, 2010

Vivian Elley, age 94, of Versailles, Missouri, passed away Monday, August 2, 2010, at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles. She was born September 25, 1915, in LaRussel, Missouri, the daughter of the late Dr. Forrest A. Crowson and Lenna D. (Wormington) Crowson.

She was married June 3, 1934, to Harold E. Elley, who preceded her in death on March 1, 1994.

By the age of 9, Vivian had moved with her family from LaRussel to Sarcoxie, to Versailles, Missouri, where she graduated high school in 1933. In the following 13 years, she worked at the courthouse for the Agricultural Conservation & Adjustment Service. After the birth of her only child, H. Douglas, in 1946, she devoted her time as homemaker and partner in business with her husband at the Royal Theatre, and adjoining hardware store.

She spent the years 1951-1960 in Jefferson City, busy at child-rearing and active in the Presbyterian Church and other civic groups. In 1960, the family returned to Versailles and resumed business, both in Elley's Hardware and at the Royal Theatre, continuing both into the 1970's. She remained active in church, women's and civic clubs until her move to the Care Center in 2006. She is survived by her son, Doug Elley of Lupus, MO, and one brother, F. Donald Crowson of Blue Springs, MO. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Leland (Pete) and Doyle Crowson.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at the Versailles Westminster Presbyterian Church with Pastor Jim Kruse officiating. Interment will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the church. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Morgan County Historical Society, Versailles Westminster Presbyterian Church, or to the Royal Arts Council in Versailles. 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.