



## Ann Morris

September 14, 1912 - February 6, 2010

Ann B. Morris, 97, of Carthage passed away at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, February 6, 2010 at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin. Ann was born on September 14, 1912 in Crawford County, Kansas to Julius Melchiori and Mary "VanLuyke" Melchiori. She moved to Detroit, MI where she started her own grocery business. Ann then moved to Chanute, KS for several years to be close to her family. Ann was united in marriage to Bryce T. Morris in Parsons, Kansas and moved to Carthage, MO in October 1948. There, she and her husband owned and operated Morris Food Market at Macon and Grand Avenue. The store was very successful serving the local community and soon became a fixture until the store closed, several years after the death of her husband on February 27, 1979. Ann retired in Carthage with family and many friends. She was an avid bridge player being one of the first in Carthage to earn the Life Master award in 1963 from the American Contract Bridge League and participated in local Duplicate Bridge Clubs. Ann enjoyed music, playing the organ and piano for her family. She also enjoyed playing bingo in the area. Ann is survived by two sons; Bryce Morris of Carthage, Robert "Bob" Morris of Burbank, CA, two daughters; Barbara Welch of Carthage and Karen Michel of Sherman Oaks, CA, one sister, Florine Levra of St. Louis, MO, 8 grandchildren, Lori Miller of Republic, MO, Jeff Welch and Greg Welch both of Kingwood, TX, Claire Slovak of New Port Coast, CA, Jean Michel of Laguna, CA, Leslie Doyle of Carthage, Bryce D. Morris of Shell Knob, MO and Robert Morris of Burbank, CA, 6 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Bryce T. Morris, parents and a brother, Julius Melchiori. Services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at Ulmer Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 9, 2010. There will be a private family burial in Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Ulmer Funeral Home.