



Eunice "Irene" Burnett

November 15, 1922 - September 6, 2009

Eunice "Irene" Burnett, 86, of Carthage, passed away at 11 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, at her home.

She was born Nov. 15, 1922, in Purdy, Mo. She was the daughter of Luther Jackson and Pauline "Todd" Jackson.

Irene retired as Manager of the Strafford Tower Motel in Tulsa, Okla. She also worked for many years as cashier at McCune-Brooks Hospital and was the owner of the Southside.

After the death of her two sons to Cystic Fibrosis, she authored the book "Searching for a Miracle."

She was a former member of the Soroptimist's of Carthage, ABWA and campaigned for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents; husband Gerald Ballard in 1972; two sons Larry Ballard and Terry Ballard; and one sister Maureen Buck.

She is survived by her husband, Gene Burnett; daughters, Pam Ross and husband Phillip of Carthage; Patricia Hanson and husband John of Anchorage, Alaska; and Geri Morris and husband Tom of St. Cloud, Fla.; one sister, Jody Roberson of Richmond, Mo.; eight grandchildren; Danny (Sarah) Ross of Carthage, Debbie (Jim) Cherry, Nixa, Mo., Dianna (Bill) Chamberlain, Noel, Mo., Donya (Kirby) Newport, Springfield, Mo., Tammy (Tony) Gongliewski, Eagle River, Ark., Laura Godenzi, Anchorage, Alaska, Sundy (Tom) Roche, Westbrook, Maine, J. R. (Michelle) Winder, New Castle, N.H. She also had 22 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009, at the Ulmer Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be Park Cemetery of Carthage. Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Miss Irene's family. This great lady will be sadly missed.*

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