

SHIRLEY PHELPS

Shirley Mae Phelps, 79, formerly of Bridgeport, died Saturday, October 20, 2007, at St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital in Centralia, Illinois.

She was born January 9, 1928, in Centralia. She was the daughter of L.H. and Freda (Rettinger) Smith. She is survived by her husband, Darrell D. Phelps, whom she married on November 25, 1955.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Malinda Claybourn and husband Mark of Centralia, Melissa Dugan and husband Tim of Keller, Texas; Mary Jane Wyatt and husband Donnie of Fort Worth, Texas; five grandsons, one granddaughter and four great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Phillis Hatfield, and a nephew, Steve Hatfield.

Mrs. Phelps was a member of the First Christian Church in Centralia. She worked for Illinois Bell in Centralia and Southwestern Bell in Wichita Falls, Texas. She lived in Bridgeport for almost twenty years working as the high school secretary for ten of those years. Her husband's job relocated the family from Illinois to Oklahoma to Texas to Arkansas before returning to Centralia in 1992.

Mrs. Phelps enjoyed singing and participating in church choirs where they resided. She was a charter member of the community chorus in Bridgeport where she also served as librarian. She was a member of the Lady Elks and patron of the Centralia Cultural Society. She enjoyed history, particularly in Civil War and loved to read. In the past twenty years she enjoyed listening to books provided by the National Library for the Blind.

Services were on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, at Garnier & Sons Funeral Home in Centralia with the Reverends Tom Henegar and Allan Mason officiating. Interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church general fund and will be accepted by the funeral home.

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