Betty Lou Stricklin

Betty Lou Stricklin, 69, of Cherryville, Missouri was born June 15, 1940 in Cherryville, Missouri to Herman Rufus Godbey and Mabel Hutson Godbey and passed away Thursday, October 8, 2009 at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 69 years.

On May 29, 1958 in Cherryville, Missouri, Betty Lou was united in marriage to Jesse Edmond Stricklin.

Betty Lou spent her entire life at Cherryville and in her spare time, she enjoyed painting, gardening, growing flowers and going to auctions. But most of all she enjoyed and loved her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Mabel Godbey; one brother, Charles Godbey; one sister, Loretta Godbey; and one sister-in-law, Zeldia Godbey.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Jessie Stricklin of Cherryville, Missouri; one son, Jessie Stricklin, Jr. and wife Deloris of Cherryville, Missouri; two daughters, Jenny Wren and husband David of Steelville, Missouri and Cheryl Leasor and husband Charles of Cherryville, Missouri; two brothers, Marvin Godbey and Rainey Godbey and wife Joan all of St. Charles, Missouri; one sister-in-law, Sally Godbey of Pacific, Missouri; seven grandchildren, Thomas A. Stricklin, Kenneth M. Murray, Amanda G. Fox, Nicole L. Wren, Natasha R. Volner, Jennifer J. Roberts and Charles Edmund Leasor; nine great grandchildren, Michael M. Murray, Hanna N. Fox, Darion A. Fox, Chloe J. Nelson, Kyle A. Fox, Larissa Nicole Green, Kaelyn LeAnn Volner, Micah Joseph Volner and Julian Benjamin Roberts; other relatives and friends. Visitation was from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2009 at the Britton-Bennett Funeral Home in Steelville, Missouri.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at the Britton-Bennett Funeral Home in Steelville, Missouri with Rev. Bob Coleman officiating. Special music of "Amazing Grace" was sung by Bob and Carol Coleman accompanied by Josh Coleman and closing music of "Go Rest High" was played.

Casket Bearers were Kenneth Murray, Tom Stricklin, Charles Eddie Leasor, Larry Godbey, Ted Godbey and Ken Godbey.

Committal prayer and burial were in the New Home Cemetery at Cherryville, Missouri.

Arrangements under the direction of the Britton-Bennett Funeral Home of Steelville, Missouri.