



Margaret Gilliland

May 28, 2011

Margaret Helen Gilliland, 83, of Cape Girardeau passed away Saturday, May 28, 2011, at Fountainbleau Lodge. She was born June 19, 1927, at Fornfelt, to Elvis A. Blanchard and Ella Nora Campbell. She and Frank Gilliland were married June 18, 1949, at Fornfelt. Margaret worked for Ralph Edwards jacket factory several years. She was organist and pianist at the Church of God. Later in life Margaret found her calling as a caregiver for Alzheimer's patients. Survivors include a daughter, Mary (Barry) Petty of Jackson; a son, Dennis (Gwen) Gilliland of Marion, Ohio; a brother, Norvel (Della) Blanchard of Wellington, Ill.; five grandchildren, Dara (Lyle) Williamson, Denise (Cory) Berbig, Dorothy Gilliland, Sarah (Jason) Schatz, Lauren (Mick) Mennemeier; and a great-grandchild, Aiko Schatz; and two great-stepgrandchildren, Shane and Shannon Pedraza. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, three brothers and four sisters. A graveside service was held at 1 p.m. Thursday June 2, 2011 at Cape County Memorial Park, with the Rev. David Pringle officiating. Ford and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be given to The Way of Truth, P.O. Box 88, Hagerstown, MD 21741-0088.