

Stella Mae Fast, age 80, of Lamar, Missouri departed this life to be with her Lord on Thursday, November 11, 2004. She had been a resident of Truman Healthcare Center since June 2004.

Stella was born August 14, 1924 in Crawford County, Indiana to Oscar and Rosa (Raine) Hammond. She lived most of her earlier years at Union Chapel near Grantsburg, Indiana and graduated from high school in Leavenworth, Indiana, in 1943. She then worked in New Albany, Indiana and Fort Knox, Kentucky.

On August 7, 1946 at the Methodist Church parsonage in New Albany, Indiana, she married Paul Eugene (Gene) Fast. They have lived and farmed in Barton County since they were married. Gene and Stella moved to Lamar in 1994, but continued their farming operation.

Mrs. Fast was an active member of the First Christian Church in Lamar, where she was in charge of the funeral dinners for several years. She started the Puppet Ministry, hand making all of the puppets and writing all of the skits. She had been a project 4-H Club leader and was a member of the Liberal V.F.W. Auxiliary Lodge #2664. Stella worked for five years at the AFC office. She had been a volunteer for the Barton County Memorial Hospital Gift Shop and worked at the Good Samaritan Shop. She was a Red Cross volunteer, assisting with emergency leaves for military personnel and working as the Barton County Bloodmobile Chairman until this past April. She had received several citations and awards from the Red Cross for her 34 years of dedication and service.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Paul Eugene "Gene" Fast, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Ron McReynolds of Joplin, Missouri; a son, Taylor Fast of Wichita, Kansas; two granddaughters, Tameia Dighero and her husband Larry of Carthage, Missouri, and Allison Dugan and her husband, David of Lamar; a step-grandson, Ron McReynolds, Overland Park, Kansas; six great-grandchildren, Matthew and Rachel Dugan, Lamar, Kassidee Kaiser, Kiia and Brandon Dighero, Carthage, and Eric McReynolds, Overland Park, Kansas; a brother, Eugene Hammond, Mauckport, Indiana; a sister, Romane Martin, New Albany, Indiana; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.



IN MEMORY OF

STELLA MAE FAST

August 14, 1924

November 11, 2004

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 13, 2004

First Christian Church

OFFICIATING

Doug Oakes

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"In The Garden"

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Mike Gage, Vocalist

Karen Oakes, Pianist

PALLBEARERS

David Dugan Larry Dighero Larry Dighero

Burl Fast Gordon Martin Rick Fast

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Ron McReynolds Ben Reed Glen Seibel

Keith Keltner Carl Arft Don Bunton

Will Pattison Bud (Oliver) Campbell

AT REST

Barton City Cemetery