



**Mabel Ruth (Fisher) St. John** was born On October 21, 1906 to Ben L. and Mary "Mamie" (Clark) Fisher at Hartville, Missouri and passed away April 23, 2007 at Lamar, Missouri at the age of 100 years, 6 months and 2 days.

At the age of twelve **Mabel** received Jesus Christ as her savior. In her teenage years, **Mabel** would take her father's horse and buggy to neighboring homes to give piano lessons. On

August 16, 1924 **Mabel** was married to David Vernon St. John. To this union were born four children, Merna, Marlin, Harlin, and Merlin. David preceded her in death on December 23, 1977.

David and **Mabel** built their first home from oak lumber out of the trees they cut with an ax and a crosscut saw. This home was located near Hartville and it stands there today. Because her husband was a pastor, they began a series of moves that would take them from Hartville to Bolivar, Missouri, and then to the towns of Urbana, South Greenfield, Schell City and finally to Golden City in 1952.

While in Bolivar, **Mabel** took courses in piano at Southwest Baptist College. She would use her natural talents and this training to teach piano students in the towns where she and her husband David lived.

After David's retirement, he and **Mabel** joined the First Baptist Church of Golden City where, for a period of time, **Mabel** taught Sunday School and was also the church organist. She played the organ for worship services until her health caused her to be in the nursing home the last two months before her passing. In addition to teaching piano, **Mabel** did a considerable amount of custom sewing over the years.

**Mabel** enjoyed gardening, quilting, crocheting, reading her Bible, and attending church. She loved to make hot rolls which were greatly enjoyed at church dinners.

**Mabel** was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Nellie Woody, her husband, David and all of her children, Marlin, Merlin, Merna Smittle and Harlin.

**Mabel** is survived by a son-in-law, Chester Smittle, a daughter-in-law, Lois St. John, five grandchildren, Carlin Smittle, Caren Rowland, Carlos Smittle, Kevin St. John and Royce St. John, by eleven great grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren, one step great-great-grandchild, and three nieces and their families. She will be sadly missed by her family and a host of friends and neighbors.

Pugh Funeral Home P.O. Box 145 Golden City, MO 64748 417-537-4412

In Memory of

# MABEL RUTH ST. JOHN

BORN

October 21, 1906  
Hartville, Missouri

Age: 100 years 6 Months 2 days

DIED

April 23, 2007  
Lamar, MO

## FUNERAL SERVICES

Friday, April 27, 2007 - 10:00 a.m.  
First Baptist Church—Golden City, MO

## OFFICIATING

Bro. Arthur Rogers Bro. Tom Welch

## MUSIC

Linda Welch, Soloist Lenora Moody, Organist

## CASKET BEARERS

Buddy Rowland Chance Rowland Carlin Smittle  
John Smittle Kevin St. John Royce St. John

## HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

J. D. Cantrell David Chappell Mitch Davis  
Gene Harris Harold Keatts Delbert Stump

## INTERMENT

Little Creek Cemetery - Hartville, MO

## Memorial-

Golden City First Baptist Church, in care of the funeral home.