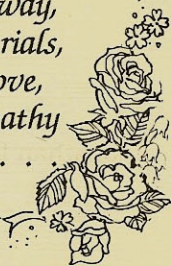


God hath not promised
 Skies always blue,
 Flower-strewn pathways
 All our lives through;
 God hath not promised
 Sun without rain,
 Joy without sorrow,
 Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
 Strength for the day,
 Rest for the labor,
 Light for the way,
 Grace for the trials,
 Help from above,
 Unfailing sympathy
 Undying love. . .



**For your safety, please turn on
 headlights in funeral procession!**

IN MEMORY OF

Armilda E. Stockdale

BORN

January 17, 1917
 Baxter Springs, Kansas

PASSED AWAY

December 29, 1997
 Lamar, Missouri

SERVICE

2:00 p.m., Friday, January 2, 1998
 Sheldon Christian Church
 Sheldon, Missouri

OFFICIANT

Brother Ed Bayless
 Brother Willis Fowler

INTERMENT

Paradise Cemetery
 Jasper County, Missouri

CASKETBEARERS

Truman Stockdale	John Stockdale
Jason Stockdale	Bill Dwyer
Jonathan Dwyer	Andrew Dwyer

MUSIC

Helen Leininger, Organist
 Ed and Ruth Bayless, Vocalists

*Wong Funeral Chapel
 Jasper, Missouri*

Mrs. Armilda Stockdale was born January 17, 1917 to John and Frannie Elrod in Cherokee County, Kansas. She was one of four children. The family moved to Jasper, Missouri in 1919. She grew up in the Jasper area, attended the public school, graduating in 1934.

She along with her family joined the Jasper Methodist Church when she was very young. She was active in the church and sang in the choir during high school days. She was employed in Lamar for a few years. She married Lester Stockdale on February 6, 1942. They have lived since then on a farm 5 miles southeast of Sheldon. Brother Maurice Strater baptized her in the old Christian Church in Lamar, November 22, 1953.

She loved to be present in the Lord's house, doing all she could to lift up her Savior to others. She taught a class for young children for a few years and an adult class for as long as she was able. She led the singing in the Christian Church for several years and was called upon to sing for about 80 funerals in Sheldon as, well as some in Jasper, her former home. She was supportive of the Barton County Singing Convention and served as Secretary and Treasurer since 1969 and encouraging the singers to keep on meeting year after year.

Her husband, Lester, of the home and 4 children mourn her passing. They are: Eloise and William Dwyer, Mountain Home, Arkansas; Sharon and Robert Owen, Madera, California; John and Marilyn Stockdale, Sheldon, Missouri; Truman and Elaine Stockdale, Corinth, Mississippi; 9 grand-children, Tina Finley, Tammy Krick, Traci Cregeen, Jason Stockdale, Jonathan Dwyer, Melody Dwyer, Andrew Dwyer, Dorvin Stockdale and Gwen Peters; 10 great-grandchildren, Brandon, Becky, Stephanie, Evan, Audra, Christopher, Jessie, Sadie, Jackson and Stephen; 1 great-great-grandchild, Gabrielle; 3 nephews: 1 niece and several cousins. Her parents, 2 sisters a brother and a son preceded her in death.