



Rita Catherine Maiden

April 6, 2012

Funeral Wednesday April 11, 2012 11:00 am New Harmony Christian Church
Visitation Tuesday April 10, 2012 5 pm - 8 pm Mudd-Veach Funeral Home (Bowling Green)
Rita Catherine Maiden, 85, of Atkins, AR formerly of Curryville, Vandalia, and Bowling Green area, passed away April 6, 2012, at Arkansas Hospice River Valley Home in Russellville, Arkansas. Funeral services are being held Wednesday April 11, 2012 at 11:00 am at the New Harmony Christian Church with Pastor Dawn Marie Turner officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday April 10, 2012 from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Mudd-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green. Mrs. Maiden was born August 7, 1926 in Curryville, the daughter of William Ira and Eva Catherine (Williamson) Bridwell. On April 23, 1949 she married Oran Vernon Maiden at the First Christian Church in Vandalia. Mr. Maiden preceded her in death in October 1982. Mrs. Maiden is survived by one son James Maiden of Clarksville, AR; one daughter Vernita Genovese and husband Walter of Vandalia. Mrs Maiden has seven grandchildren Brandy, Christina, James and Aaron Maiden; Jessica Richard and husband Tom; Olivia Leavell and husband Cody and Tasha Genovese. She has nine great grandchildren Samuel and Abigail Miller, Madalynn and Zackery Kendrick, Dakota and Dallas Richard, Anna Rubemeyer, Dravyn and Dastyn Leavell. One brother-in-law Vernon and wife Carolyn Bailey, and one brother in law Ralph Robertson. She was preceded in death by one brother Herchel Bridwell. She spent most of her life in the Curryville, Vandalia and the Bowling Green areas except for living in Atkins, AR for the past year. She taught school in the country and public schools in the area for 49 years and was a member of the Missouri Retired Teachers Organization. Mrs. Maiden was a member of the New Harmony Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) where she had a perfect attendance for 59 years, taught Sunday School for 49 years and was the first female Church Elder at New Harmony. She enjoyed being a longtime volunteer at the Hope Center until her health prevented and most of all enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren. Serving as pallbearers will be James Maiden, Jr., Aaron Maiden, Linda Kendrick, Tom Richard, Kenny Everhart and Marvin L. Perkins. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Dakota Richard, Dallas Richard, Vernon Bailey, Lonnie Bailey, Cody Leavell and Ralph Robertson. Memorials may be made to New Harmony Christian Church.