



### **SHELBY JEAN UTLEY**

**Shelby Jean Utley, 74 of Bowling Green went home to be with her Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ at 3:20 a.m. Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at her residence and Heaven became a brighter place.**

**The Hopkins County native always looked for opportunities to serve other. She was a faithful Sunday School teacher and devoted Deacon's wife for 52 years. She was a homemaker. After moving to Bowling Green in 1994, she became an active member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church where she participated in several special WMU projects; one such was making numerous quilts for the Pregnancy Support Center on multiple occasions. As a member of the National Guard Family Support Unit, she made all of the yellow bows that saturated Bowling Green and served as a reminder of our local Unit being called into active duty. Prior to serving our local Unit, for years she served those at Ft. Campbell by making homemade candies, cookies and brownies for the troops to enjoy, particularly during the holidays. Several would always come out to see "what treats Grandmom, Papa & Josh were delivering". In recognition of her unwavering support she was honored with The Commander's Certificate in December 2005. Whether you had just met her or had known her for years, she gave each person the gift of her smile, a loving spirit and a ready word of encouragement or support. She was a fiercely dedicated and proud wife and mom, but she treasured her title of "Grandmom" the very most and was never too busy or too tired to do something for her precious grandson. She was the daughter of the late Everett Hibbs and Vera Asherbranner Hibbs.**

**Funeral service at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, at Hardy & Son Funeral Home, Bowling Green Chapel with burial in Boiling Springs Church of Christ Cemetery. Visitation from 1:00-8:00 P.M., Friday at the funeral home.**

**Donations to Friendship Missionary Baptist Church so bibles can be purchased and distributed through Gideons International.**

**Survivors include her beloved husband of 52 years, Audra A. “Papa” Utley; a daughter, Melissa U. “Missy” Wheeler; a Son-in-law Michael A.”Mike” Wheeler a grandson Joshua M. “Josh” Wheeler all of Bowling Green; two brothers Harold Hibbs and his wife, Doris of Madisonville and Ray Hibbs of Elmhurts, IL; a sister, Beverly Davidson and her husband Shade of Louisville; three nephews, Jeff Hibbs, Ricky Hibbs, and Troy Thigpen and his wife, Jennifer**

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