

## OBITUARY

### Vesta Aline Welch

Vesta Aline Smith Welch, daughter of William Claude and Lula Smith, was born April 24, 1929, near Big Piney, Missouri.

Vesta passed away November 3, 1976, at the Phelps County Hospital, after a lingering illness, having attained the age of 47 years, 6 months, 10 days.

Vesta was united in marriage to Vernon G. Welch, June 22, 1948, and to this union three sons were born.

Her parents and a young son, George Dean, preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, Vernon G. of the home and a son Gary Ray, of the home. A son, Danny William, her daughter-in-law Connie, and a granddaughter, Misty, all of Lebanon, Mo.

A sister Virginia Page of Big Piney, a brother, Bill Smith of Houston, Mo., her step-mother, Mrs. Edna Cate of Springdale, Ark., six nieces and seven nephews, six grandnieces, and seven grandnephews, several aunts and uncles, and a host of other friends and relatives, also survive.

Vesta had spent her entire life in Big Piney and had attended the local schools. She was united with the Hopewell Baptist Church at a very early age

and remained a faithful Christian through all her illness and tribulations.

She was employed by the Post Exchange until her health forced her to retire last year. Vesta will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her, but we know she is in God's Fair City with all our loved ones, who patiently wait, on Death's Other Side to "Open the Gate".

Funeral services were held Friday, November 5, 1976, at 2:00 p.m., at the Hopewell Baptist Church with the Reverends Reavil Hankins and Marvin Davis officiating. Pallbearers were, Jack Spitler, Terry Spitler, Ron Chambers, Claude Chambers, Bud Massey, and Randy Cole. Interment was in the Big Piney Cemetery at Big Piney, Mo., under the directions of Long-Moss-Williams Funeral Homes, Inc., of Waynesville, Mo.