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## Laura Belle Steele

Laura Belle Steele, age 93, of Sedalia, died Sunday, December 20, 2009 at Rest Haven Convalescent and Retirement Home.

She was born September 20, 1916 in Pleasant Green, MO a daughter of James Taylor and Sadie Nelle Retherford Woolery. On September 20, 1935 in Cooper County, she was married to Emmett S. Steele, who preceded her in death on March 24, 2006.

Mrs. Steele was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. She worked as a seamstress for J.A. Lamy Manufacturing Company, retiring after 22 years of service. She enjoyed working in her flower and vegetable gardens. She loved collecting dolls. She was an accomplished seamstress who made clothes for the dolls she collected. She also made her daughter's wedding dress. Her memberships included the Classic Club, AARP 660, Jolly Elders and State Fair Doll Club. Laura enjoyed visiting with friends and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed participating in all of the activities at Stoney Ridge Village.

Surviving are a son, James E. Steele and wife Ginky, of Eldridge, MO; a daughter, Laura Nell Meier and husband Don, of Sedalia; five grandchildren, David, Donnie and Roy Steele, Mike Meier and Troy Meier; and nine great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Walker Monroe Woolery and J.T. Woolery; a sister, Sadie Nell Argenbright; and a great-grandson.

Friends may call after 3 pm Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel.

Funeral services will be at 2 pm Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Ted Francis and Rev. Tony Chapman officiating. The family will receive friends from noon until service time.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Calvary Baptist Church or a charity of donor's choice, in care of McLaughlin Funeral Chapel.

January 14, 2010

To friends and family of Laura B. Steele (my mother)

I regret to inform you that on November 17, 2009, my mother fell in her room at Stoney Ridge Village and broke her left hip. She had surgery November 19 at University Hospital at Columbia, Missouri. On November 27 she was transferred to a convalescent home here in Sedalia so her friends and relatives could visit her. Hospice was called in and she passed away December 20 at the age of 93 and 3 months.

Her funeral was at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel, 519 S. Ohio, Sedalia, MO, at 2:00 pm, Wednesday, December 23. Visitation was before services from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. There was no graveside service. Burial was at Crown Hill Cemetery, next to her beloved husband of 70 years, Emmett.

On Monday, January 4, 2010, my brother, James Emmett Steele (age 73) passed away. His memorial service at a funeral home in Camdenton, Missouri, and burial was near Camdenton.

I am sorry I was not able to notify you sooner.

I just want all of you to know how much mom enjoyed your visits, cars, letters and phone calls.

Thank you for being her friend.

Sincerely, Laura Nell Meier



**Laura Belle Steele at age 93,  
on her birthday 20 September 2009**