



Ruby L. Chaffain Patchett

May 26, 1917 - May 20, 2011

Ruby Lucille Chaffain Patchett went to be with her Lord on May 20, 2011. Ruby was 94 years old, and has lived the past several years at Presbyterian Manor in Emporia. Ruby was born May 26, 1917 north of Elk Falls, Ks. to George Albert and Laura Ellen (Shaw) Pickell. She attended grade school in a one room country school and graduated from Elk Falls High School.

On May 26, 1936 Ruby married Clarence Albert Chaffain in Emporia, Ks. They lived near Madison, Hamilton, Tonovay and Emporia when Clarence was teaching school. They moved to Wichita where Clarence worked for Cessna a few years and then later worked for Beech Aircraft for 33 years. In 1955 they bought the Severy Locker and moved to Severy. In 1970 they moved to Fall River, and in 1989 moved to Emporia to be closer to their children and their families. Clarence died April 12, 1992. Ruby was united in marriage to Wayne Patchett on October 5, 1996. He preceded her in death on August 19, 2003.

Ruby was a member of the Christian Churches at Elk Falls, Severy, Fall River, and Twin Rivers in Emporia. She was also a member of the Eastern Star Columbia Chapter 142 of Howard, Ks, a Girl Scout leader(in Wichita), and belonged to the Lend-A-Hand Club, CWF and Fall River Senior Citizens.

Ruby is survived by her daughter, Melba Ankerholz Lawrence Rhudy (Ken Baker), of Americus. Her son, Earnie Chaffain (Peggy), of Hartford, two step-

sons, Doyle Patchett (Georgie) of Derby, and David Patchett (Rachael) of Suffolk, Virginia. Seven grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, five great great grandchildren, seven step grandchildren and eight step great grandchildren. Besides her husbands, Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, George and Laura Pickell, a daughter, Juanita Knudsen Keeler, two great great grandchildren and four brothers: Albert, Charles, Cleetis and Clifford Pickell.

She will be missed by many, and was loved by all who knew her.

Funeral services will be held at Countryside Zimmerman Funeral Home, May 24, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. and interment will be at Grace Lawn Cemetery, all at Howard, Ks. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to: Emporia Presbyterian Manor, Ruby Patchett Memorial, 2300 Industrial Road, Emporia, Ks. 66801