

## **Benita Jo Williams, 64**

*June 17, 1936 – Feb. 5, 2001*

**NEVADA, MO** – Benita Jo Williams was born June 17, 1936, in Harlan, to Bennie James Hopkins and Virginia Margaret Adams Hopkins.

She married Ernest Eugene Williams July 30, 1958, in Nevada, MO. He preceded her in death Oct. 19, 1999. She was a graduate of Walker High School in 1953. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She worked the past 42 years as a secretary at Vocational Rehabilitation with the State of Missouri located in Nevada. She died Feb. 5, 2001, at Freeman West Health System, Joplin, MO, following a short illness at age 64.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gene; and one son, Brent Lee Rider in 1977. Survivors include one son, Kevin Dale Williams, Monett, MO; one stepson, Dennis Eugene Williams, Topeka, KS; one stepdaughter, Terri Elaine Frederick, Wichita, KS; one granddaughter, Tallie Jo Williams, Monett, MO; adopted grandchildren, Brian Chris Anderson, Jr., Carrie Jo Anderson and Jacob Kenneth Anderson, all of Kansas City, MO; one brother, James Thomas Hopkins, Nevada, MO; several nieces and nephews; special friends, Betty Ann Woody, Vernon, Rosemary and Jo Brundridge, all of Nevada; and Brian and June Anderson, Kansas City, MO.

Funeral services were held Feb. 8, 2001, at Ferry Funeral Home, Nevada, MO, with Minister Taylor Francis officiating. Burial was in Marvin Chapel Cemetery, Vernon County, MO.