Sharron Sue Arnold

July 17, 1948 - April 11, 2007

Sharron Sue Arnold, age 58, of Joplin, Mo., went home to the Lord on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at St. John's Regional Medical Center following a brief illness.

Sharron was born on July 17, 1948, in Joplin the daughter of the late Carl and Florence Hailey. She has been a lifetime area resident. She was a member of Royal Heights Methodist Church. She worked for 25 years as a dietary clerk for St. John's Regional Medical Center. Sharron devoted her life to raising her children and spoiling her grandchildren. She enjoyed reading, shopping, cooking and gardening. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels.

Sharron had an ever-present smile along with an ability to be a true friend to many. Her passion for life, her wit and her fun-loving spirit is a gift that will be treasured forever.

She married her loving husband, James Arnold, on July 10, 1981, in Joplin. He survives.

She is also survived by one son, Darren Gallup and wife, Kara, Carthage, Mo.; three daughters, Karren Phillips, Racine, Mo., Alma Hudson and husband, Tim, Joplin, and Laurie Mitchell and husband, Clay, Joplin; four sisters, June Jaccobson and husband, Basil, Joplin, Mickey Fry and husband, D.J., Oronogo, Mo., Linda Enlow and husband, Manford, Joplin, and Beverly Ray, Joplin; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a brother, Bud Hailey; sisters, Faye Johnson, Phyllis Isler and Belle Olmstead; and her son-in-law, Bob Phillips Jr.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Royal Heights Methodist Church. Rev. Tracy Bair will officiate. Burial will be in Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery. The pallbearers will be a grandson and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Royal Heights Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Royal Heights Methodist Church in care of the mortuary.

Arrangements are under the direction of Mason-Woodard Mortuary & Chapel.