



## Madge Lena Benfield

January 17, 1922 - October 1, 2008

Madge Lena Whitehead Benfield died on October 1, 2008, at her home in Kingston. She was born January 17, 1922, in Carter County, Tennessee, to Sarah and Herbert Whitehead. She grew up there with her farming family, which included four siblings, Charlie, Sophia, Patricia, and Blanche. She graduated as valedictorian of her high school class.

She met Clyde Benfield at a family picnic, and they were married May 23, 1941. Her husband was a carpenter and later a boilermaker, and they lived in various towns in Tennessee. Their daughter, Sue Benfield Carter, and their son Larry Benfield, were both born in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Madge loved to garden more than anything else, and her family remembers how she used her garden produce to cook great meals and through them share her love. She was a member of Bethel Presbyterian Church in Kingston, where she was active until her recent illness.

Her husband Clyde died in 1980, and her daughter Sue died in 2006. She is survived by her son Larry, her son in law, John Carter, her grandchildren, Sarah Fox, and Richard Carter and his wife Christy, her great grandson, John Fox and his wife Brooke, her great granddaughter Ashlyn, several nieces and nephews, and some long time special friends, including Edith Miles and Paula Terry.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday October 4, at 1pm at Roane Memorial Gardens in Rockwood. Mrs. Benfield requested that in lieu of floral offerings, donations be made to Miss Dot's Hunger Fund at Bethel Presbyterian Church. Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston in charge of arrangements.