



## Shirley M. Bellamy

August 10, 1933 - March 8, 2006

Bellamy, Shirley Marlene Johnson - age 72, passed away on March 8, 2006 at her home in Sweetwater, Tennessee. A lifelong Sweetwater resident, she employed with Southern Bell, a BellSouth predecessor in the 1950's. She began a career in law enforcement in 1968, serving as Monroe County's first female Deputy Sheriff. A position which she held until 1974. She also worked as a dispatcher and clerk for the Sweetwater City Police Department. She spent the later part of her career as a floral designer for Richesin's Gifts in Sweetwater. A lifelong Democrat, she was an active member of the Monroe County Democrat Party and served as the 3rd precinct chairman. She was also a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. She loved working in her vegetable garden and was known as a fabulous cook. Preceded in death by: husband George A. Bellamy, parents; Edna H. Thomas and Jude Richard Johnson, and sister; Mary Helen Melton. Survived by: daughter and son-in-law, Judith "Chip" and Bob Kerzner; granddaughter, Kelsey Lynn Frix; brother and sister-in-law, Julius R. "Dick" and Judy Johnson, nieces and spouses; Virginia and Jim Merrill, Goodlettsville, TN, and Jill and Gerald Brown, Bloomington, IN; nephew and spouse, Mike and Robin Melton, Decatur, TN and nephew, Jay Johnson of Sweetwater; and special friends, Bert Turpin and Freida Brackett. Visitation 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Saturday, March 11, 2006 at Kyker Funeral Home in Sweetwater. Funeral service Saturday 8:00 p.m. at Kyker Funeral Home with Dick Smelser and Rev. Phil Holmes officiating. A grave side service will be held on Sunday at 1:00P.M. in the Sweetwater Valley

Memorial Park.