

## *Celebration of Life Service*

*Clay Center Christian Church ~ Clay Center, Kansas  
5:00 PM, Saturday, May 8, 2010*

<i>Recorded Prelude Music</i>	<i>“All Gospel Album” by Pierce Arrow</i>
<i>Welcome and Opening Prayer</i>	<i>Pastor Doug Wallace</i>
<i>“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”</i> <i>Gene Wiley ~ Tom Fish ~ Leonard Purvis ~ Don Thomson</i> <i>Lead Baritone Bass Tenor</i>	<i>The Charades Quartet</i>
<i>“A Life Well Lived”</i>	<i>read by Jack McChesney</i>
<i>“Bowed On My Knees”</i>	<i>recorded by R.P. Harrell</i>
<i>Scripture Readings</i>	<i>Pastor Doug Wallace</i>
<i>“Shine On Me”</i>	<i>The Charades Quartet</i>
<i>“A Celebration of Life Message”</i>	<i>Pastor Doug Wallace</i>
<i>“Time to Share Memories”</i>	<i>Please Share Your Memories</i>
<i>“Swing Down Chariot”</i>	<i>The Charades Quartet</i>
<i>Closing Comments and Prayer</i>	<i>Pastor Doug Wallace</i>
<i>Recorded Postlude Music</i>	<i>“All Gospel Album” by Pierce Arrow</i>

*Memorial Contributions  
Meadowlark Hospice or Clay Center Christian Church  
c/o Neill-Schwensen-Rook Funeral Home  
918 7<sup>th</sup> St., Clay Center, KS 67432*

# *A Celebration Of Life*



*Betty L. Sharp*

*March 27, 1932 ~ May 4, 2010*

## *Life Sketch of Betty L. Sharp*



Betty Leora Sharp, age 78, graduated from this earth to be with her Lord May 4, 2010 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. She was born March 27, 1932 in Clay Center, KS to Henry and Sarah "Hare" Tripp.

Growing up her family moved to Belleville, KS, San Leandro, CA then back to Rossville, KS where she graduated from Rossville High School in 1950. She moved to Clay Center to work at the Dairy Queen with her mother. It was there she met Raymond A. Sharp and the courtship began. They married March 1, 1953 at the First Christian Church in Clay Center.



She and Raymond moved to Wichita to work at Boeing Military Aircraft where she worked in the administrative offices as a filer and bookkeeper. They moved back to Clay Center in 1956 and assumed management of the Dairy Queen. She and Raymond operated the Dairy Queen from 1955 – 1972. In 1963 they purchased Walker Plumbing Company, which became Sharp Plumbing and Heating, at 138 Court St, where they operated the business until 1978. Their motto was, *"No job too small, we service them all"*. From 1978 – 1980, during the energy crisis, they owned and operated Energy Savings Concepts out of the same location.



Following self employment, Betty worked for Jentronics Corporation, in the assembly area and later was promoted to the office as a receptionist. From 1993 until April 2008 Betty worked as a receptionist and bookkeeper for Hundley's garage. She retired at age 76 to enjoy the remaining time the Lord had for her on earth with family and friends.

Betty was baptized and became a member of the Clay Center Christian Church in 1950. (Formerly First Christian Church) She and Raymond often sang duets at the church and for other civic organizations. Betty enjoyed helping with meals at the church on a variety of occasions.

During all these years, Betty was also actively involved in the Clay Center community. She was a past member of the PTA and served in all the positions of leadership, and later served with the Kansas State Board of the PTA. She was a 50+ year member of the Order of the Eastern Star #180, and the American Legion Auxiliary from 1950 until now. Betty found much joy in supporting Raymond, participating with him in many activities; one of her favorites being the Little Apple Barbershop Chorus in Manhattan. She enjoyed working in the yard, and feeding the squirrels and birds around their property.



She is survived by: Two sons- Morgan R. and wife Marla Sharp of Newton, KS; Randy D. and wife Nedra of Maumelle, AR; Five Grandsons- Justin R. and wife Sarah of Harrisonville, MO; Jerod A. Sharp of Wichita, KS; Jordan M. Sharp of Newton, KS; Ryan P. Sharp of Lawrence, KS; and Travis A. Sharp of Maumelle, AR.; Great Granddaughter- Bethany Alice Sharp of Harrisonville, MO; Brother- Henry S. and wife Louise Tripp of LaVerne, CA; Half Brother- Robert Tripp of Oxnard, CA; Three Half Sisters- Henrietta Mounts & Jean Woolley both of Clay Center, KS and Marie Bolejack of Topeka, KS; Many Nieces and Nephews.

She was preceded in death by: Husband, Raymond A. Sharp, May 4, 2003; Father, Henry Tripp and Mother Sarah "Hare" Tripp Johnson; Brother, Earl L. Tripp; Step-Mother Vivian "Bowden" Tripp

*Betty's family expresses their appreciation for the prayers, notes, cards, calls and encouragement given as Betty lived out her life. We will miss her but we anticipate, with joy, the day of the great reunion in heaven.*