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Maudie Adele (House) Benton, 90 of Bloomfield passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2023 at her winter home in Ft. Meyers Florida.

The daughter of Georgia “Annie” Beaton and David House, she was born November 15, 1932 near Como

Missouri, the twelfth child born to Annie and David House.

Maudie worked from a very young age in a Malden grocery store. She met her future husband, who attended Risco schools, at their church in Malden. They were married December 4, 1950 in Piggott Arkansas.

As the wife of a farmer, Maudie learned to milk a cow, drive a tractor and grain trucks while caring for a house, garden and children, helping on the farm during planting, cultivating and harvest seasons and occasionally helping out at a grocery store during the winter for the grocers for whom she worked as a youngster.

She retired from Federal Mogul as a Quality Control Inspector after more than 20 years of service. Her keen eye for details had customers requesting her as final inspector for their aircraft pistons. An almost photographic eye for color and her skills sewing enabled her to create stylish and unique clothing for her daughters culminating in a beautiful and unique bridal gown and veil for each daughter that was inspired by gowns in bridal magazines of the times. Their gowns and veils could have been mistaken for gowns in the magazines.

Maudie always put her children before herself and they knew they could always count on her, although that also meant she still expected them to behave and do their chores.

In addition to her husband of 72 years, Huel Benton Jr., Maudie is survived by three children, Adelia “Jeanne” Barham of Bloomfield, Beverly “Kay” (Ralph) Ziegler of Cape Girardeau, and Huel Benton III of Surprise, Arizona.

Five grandchildren also survive, James “Jamie” (Jenny) Machen of Providence, Kentucky, Kristal Benton, Tiffany Benton and Brittany Benton of Phoenix Arizona and Patrick (Lisa) Barham of Bedford. Ohio.

Also surviving are great grandchildren Gage Machen, Jenna Machen and Corban Machen of Kentucky, Noah Benton and Ava Benton of Arizona, Gabrielle “Gabby” Barham of Springfield, and Jayden Barham of Ohio.

Besides her parents, Maudie was preceded in death by eleven siblings, Clara Ethel House, Ruth Marie House and Esther Nadine House, all three passing in infancy, Mary Loughary, Hannah Baker, Eugene “Gene” House, Minnie Baker McGuire, Sidney House, Lucille McElrath, Elton House, Thomas House, and by two great grandsons.

Visitation will begin at 12 noon on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at Landess Funeral Chapel in Malden, Missouri, services will begin at 1 p.m., with Reverend James Hamlett officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery in Malden, Missouri.

Landess Funeral Home and Crematory of Malden will be in charge of the arrangements.

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