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Shirley Fortner, daughter of the late Luther Cochran and Nina Bishop Mayfield was born on June 21, 1941 in Sedalia, Missouri and departed this life on January 25, 2024 at Mercy Hospital Southeast in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 82.

Mrs. Fortner was a homemaker and a resident of Bernie. She attended Bethany General Baptist Church. She loved working in her yard and playing with her dog, Bentley. She had a great friendship with Kathy Grindstaff, they enjoyed each other's company, and were lucky to have that special bond for over four decades. Her greatest joy came from her two daughters, she loved spending time with them, and they loved being with her.

She was united in marriage to Clarence Fortner on December 11, 1959 in Sedalia, Missouri. Clarence survives of their home in Bernie.

Other than by her husband Clarence, she is survived by two daughters, Terri Hampton of Bernie, Missouri, and Michelle Quick and husband Jim of Knoxville, Tennessee; by her special friend, Kathy Grindstaff; and her beloved dog, Bentley.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Elroy Cochran; and by her two sisters, Nina Mae Wimer and Vera Robeson.

At her request, a private service for her family will be conducted.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri is assisting the family with arrangements.

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