



Margie Catherine Gillespie

June 16, 1922 - May 14, 2014

Margie Catherine Gillespie was born June 16th 1922 in St. Louis, MO. She was the only child of Bessie and Sydnor Wall.

She married Fred Golden and to this union two daughters were born, Shirley and Marie. Margie later married Jesse James Joplin. To that union three sons were born, Alan, Jesse and Michael. While employed at the U.S. Postal Service she met and married Marion Gillespie, who preceded her in death.

Margie was a very strong person and at some point started preparing her own obituary. What follows was written in her handwriting. "I have five children, 21 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. I was married to Marion Gillespie on June 16, 1973 until his death in April 2001. I retired from the United Postal Service in June 1982 after serving 25 years. I belong to Union Memorial Methodist Church and a member of the Solidarity Group of United Methodist Women. After retiring I volunteered for AARP as an assistant state director. I also joined the Monsanto Family YMCA working with seniors. I served on the Monsanto Board of Managers. I received a plaque for Volunteer of the Year 2000-2001 from Monsanto Men and Women's Group. I was honored by the seniors after serving 15 years as chairperson of the Senior Advisory. I was coordinator for the Swinging Seniors Annual Fashion Show of Monsanto for 20 years. I am also active alumni for the Sumner Class of 1940."

In addition to Margie's own words, she was an excellent tailor and seamstress, avid gardener, carpenter and dancer with the Monsanto YMCA Crystalettes.

Margie passed away Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at Mother of Good Counsel Home. She is survived by her daughters Shirley Worthy, Washington, D.C. and Marie Twine, St. Louis, MO; sons Alan Joplin, Phoenix, AZ, Jesse Joplin, San Jose, CA and Michael Joplin, Tampa, FL; her sister Barbara Talley, Southfield, MI; and her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.