

January 9, 2008

Helen Lynette Shepard Goins



In Loving Memory of Helen Lynette Shepard Goins

Helen Lynette Shepard Goins, 61, of Indianapolis departed this life at 7:30 a.m. Friday Jan. 4, 2008, in her residence. She was born April 18, 1946, in Terre Haute to George Ramsey Shepard and Mary Moore.

At a young age, she professed her belief and was baptized at Spruce Street AME Church in Terre Haute. She attended and graduated from Wiley High School. Lynette enlightened so many people with her lighthearted spirit, guidance and knowledge of many things. She worked as a tax preparer for H&R; Block and Jackson Hewitt for many years. Until her death, she continued to prepare taxes independently.

"Nett," as her family called her married John D. Goins on July 18, 1965, and he preceded her in death Dec. 9, 2002. To that union three children were born; Gary Goins and wife Tuyett, Karren Haggerty and husband Harold of Terre Haute, and Shawna Benford and husband Larry of Indianapolis.

She leaves to cherish her memory her parents, Mary and Heaven Madison; favorite aunt and uncle, Barbara and Garrett Cope of Gary. Also holding Lynette in their fondest memory are 11 grandchildren; Harold (Trey) Haggerty III, Alysia and John Haggerty, Michael and Paris Goins of Terre Haute, Sydney and Jade Goins, Sean, Malik, and Narissa Benford, and Mia Haggerty of Indianapolis; sisters, Julia and Tresa Madison, Angela Tyler and husband Ross, Eartha Spencer; and one brother, Richard Shepard of Terre Haute; Cecelia (Jane) Shepard of Jacksonville, Fla., Connie Caldwell, Brenda Underwood and husband Johnnie of Indianapolis; three brothers-in-law; a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews; and a special friend, Marilyn Gary.

Funeral services are 1 p.m. Saturday in Second Missionary Baptist Church, 1400 Oak St. in Terre Haute. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until services Saturday in the church. Burial will be in Stewart Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Russell Funeral Home.