



## Carolyn Spelce Heard Sawyer

July 22, 1921 - October 18, 2008

Carolyn Spelce Heard Sawyer, 87, a resident of the Terrace at Grove Park, in Dothan, Ala. died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008. Graveside services will be held in Springfield at Robertson County Memorial Gardens at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23.

Mrs. Sawyer was born July 22, 1921, in New Market, Ala. Growing up she helped with the family general store in "Hump," Ala.

She graduated from Hazel Green High School and lived the early years of her life in the Huntsville, Ala. area.

Her first husband was lost in the Korean War. She later remarried and moved with her husband and son to Lima, Peru, where he was employed with Genesco Corp. She lived there for several years and then returned to the United States and lived in Tennessee. She was a homemaker and helped with East Robertson High School activities while her daughter was growing up.

She later worked part time in retail in Springfield. She moved to Dothan, Ala. in 2006. She enjoyed her family, her friends and her hobbies.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 22 years, Walter Clyde Sawyer; parents Thomas Rice Spelce and Lillie Mae Bates Spelce; brothers Winfred Spelce and Thomas Edward "Ned" Spelce; sister Mildred Spelce Edmondson; and first husband, Delbert E. Heard.

Surviving relatives include her son, Murray Gene Heard and his wife Margaret "Toni" Heard of Hendersonville; daughter, Teresa "Teeta" Sawyer-Simmons; and her husband, Robert Simmons of Dothan, Ala.; brother, Zealon Spelce of

New Market, Ala.; grandchildren, Edward Heard of Houston, Texas and Gina Heard Beil and husband of Greenville, Pa.; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild; and many loved nieces, nephews, sister-in-laws, cousins and neighbors and friends.

Flowers will be accepted in Tennessee or a memorial donation may be made to Sav-a-Pet at The Dothan Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 9323, Dothan, AL 36304, or Covenant Hospice, 2855 Ross Clark Circle, Suite 110, Dothan, AL 36301. Byrd Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements. This obituary is courtesy of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield. In your voice