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**E**lizabeth Ann “Libby” Hurd, daughter of William Ray and Edna Hannsz Creel, was born August 30, 1934, in Carroll County, Missouri. She departed this life Saturday, February 7, 2009 in her home, in Fall Creek, Wisconsin, at the age of seventy-four years, five months, and seven days. On May 21, 1953, she was united in marriage to Robert Hagan Hurd, and to this union two sons were born. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert, on March 5, 2008; a daughter-in-law, Sandi Hurd; a brother, George Creel; and a sister, Mary Jane Ditmar Roy. Libby is survived by two sons, Kevin Lee Hurd, of Lake St. Louis, Missouri, and Steven Bruce Hurd, and his wife, Karen, of Fall Creek, Wisconsin; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, William “Bill” Creel, Jr., and his wife, Lillian, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; a sister, Wilma Admire, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; several nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends. She was born and raised in the rural Missouri farming communities of Benton City and Auxvasse, and graduated from Mexico High School, in the Class of 1952. After she and Robert were married, they made their home in the Mexico, Missouri area where Libby worked as a waitress at the family owned Saddlehorse Café for several years. She and Robert also owned and operated a gift shop near Bagnell Dam, in Lake Ozark, Missouri, for a few years. Later, after the family moved to O’Fallon, Missouri, Libby worked as a secretary at the Fort Zumwalt High School. Throughout the years, she was always a devoted homemaker and loving wife and mother. In 1986, Libby and Robert retired and moved to rural Lebanon, Missouri, to enjoy fishing and being outdoors at Bennett Spring State Park. In 2008, Libby moved to Fall Creek, Wisconsin, to be near her son, Steve, and his family. Libby was a member and active volunteer at St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church in Lebanon. She also was heavily involved in starting and maintaining the Fisherman’s Chapel at Bennett Spring. She enjoyed nature and all animals and spent many hours of



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enjoyment feeding the many hummingbirds and deer that returned every year to her home near Bennett Springs. She also loved her pets over the years, and was especially devoted to her cats, Smokey and BC (Black Cat). Throughout the years, she formed many friendships and particularly appreciated her close friend, Marlys, who was a special help and encouragement to her during her later years. Libby was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and aunt, and was a caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate her life and her accomplishments and will cherish the wonderful memories she created for her family and friends. A memorial service was held for Mrs. Hurd at Faith Evangelical Free Church in Fall Creek, Wisconsin, on Sunday, February 8, 2009. A service of Catholic burial will be held at Holman-Howe Funeral Home in Lebanon, Missouri, on Friday, February 13, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at the East Lawn Memorial Park in Mexico, Missouri, at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2009. Memorials are suggested to St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church, Lebanon, Missouri.

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