Charlotte 'Shorty' I. Cox

Charlotte "Shorty" Ilene Cox, 75, of Blue Springs, Mo., died unexpectedly July 5, 2012, in her home.

Royer-Hays Funeral Home in Blue Springs is in charge of the arrangements.

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In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to "MO Conservation Heritage Foundation – Burr Oak Woods in Memory of Charlotte Cox" P.O. Box 366 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0366.

Charlotte was born Sept. 7, 1936, in Grinnell to Glenn and Wilma Bell Garwood. She married Bill Cox on Oct. 12, 1952. They enjoyed traveling throughout the U.S. and abroad.

She was a phlebotomist at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., for 15 years before retiring in 2000. She also worked over 2,000 hours with the Missouri Department of Conservation as a volunteer naturalist through Burr Oak Woods in Blue Springs, Mo.

Charlotte is survived by her husband of 59 years Bill; two daughters, Kristy Cox of Littleton, Colo., and Linda Dugan of Blue Springs, Mo.; three sons, Steven Cox of Blue Springs, Mo., Michael Cox of Liberty, Mo., and Gary Cox of Columbia, Mo.; one brother Keith Garwood of Grinnell; two sisters, Gerry Huff of Buena Park, Calif., and Lil Bunn of Brooklyn; and five grandchildren.