

Seneca, KS

Aurelia A. Heinen, 101, of Seneca, died December 5, 2015 at Crestview Nursing and Residential Living in Seneca. She was born on September 24, 1914, on a farm north of Seneca, the daughter of William M. and Elizabeth Hulsing Rettele. When she was 5 years old, the family moved to a farm northwest of Kelly where she grew up. She attended St. Bede's School and helped on the family farm. On January 16, 1935, she married Joseph J. Heinen at St. Bede's Catholic Church in Kelly. They lived and farmed at Baileyville until 1943 when they moved southeast of Seneca. They moved into Seneca in 1963. In the late 1970's she worked at the Paramount Cleaners for 3 years. She also worked at the Sts. Peter and Paul Lunch Room. She was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, St. Ann's Altar Society, and the Quilting Group also at the church in Seneca. She loved to garden, cook, play cards, quilt and crochet; She was preceded in death by her husband Joe of 60 years on November 4, 1996, a grandson Brian Rilinger on September 22, 1964, brothers, Ignatius Rettele on November 12, 1987, Matthias Rettele on July 31, 1992, Anthony Rettele on December 11, 1992, William Rettele on May 31, 1994 and Wilfred Rettele; sisters, Edith Bjelland on September 19, 1998, Marcella Mathewson on April 1, 1999, Irmena Wietharn on February 20, 2006. She is survived by her children Gerald (Janice) Heinen of Topeka, Karen (Paul) Rilinger of Seneca and Marilyn (Gary) Evans of Seneca; sisters Ali Rose Winterscheidt of Seneca, Dorothy (E.J.) Kohake Feichtinger of Seneca and Betty (Joe) Altenhofen of Seneca. 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. Mass of Christian burial will be 11:00 AM Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery. A rosary will be prayed at 2 & 7 PM Tuesday, at Lauer Funeral Home in Seneca. Memorials may be given for Sts. Peter & Paul School, and sent in care of the family. To express your sympathy and for more information visit [www.lauerfuneralhome.com](http://www.lauerfuneralhome.com).