

Nortonville, KS

Ethel Pauline (McCoy) Keirns, 87, of Nortonville, KS, passed away, Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at the Village Villa Nursing Home in Nortonville.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 AM, Saturday, June 18, 2016 at the O'Trimble Funeral Home, Nortonville. Burial will follow in the Nortonville (KS) Cemetery. Friends may call after 9:00 AM, Friday, at the O'Trimble Funeral Home. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers are suggested to Jefferson County Hospice or Village Villa Nursing Home and may be sent in care of O'Trimble Funeral Home, PO Box 267, Nortonville, KS 66060. Words of sympathy and remembrance may be left online at www.beckerdyer.com.

Ethel Pauline McCoy was born on January 10, 1929 in Jefferson County, KS, the daughter of Jonathan W. 'Barney' and Nellie M. (Hoffman) McCoy. Ethel graduated from Nortonville High School in 1946. Ethel and J. Alfred Keirns were united in marriage on June 2, 1946 in Nortonville and together they operated a dairy farm for over 40 years in the Nortonville area. Ethel was a member of the Nortonville United Methodist Church, The Rebekah Lodge (since 1947), and the Ozawie (KS) American Legion Auxiliary Post 225. Ethel enjoyed sports, crocheting Afghans and loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and she attended many of their school activities.

Ethel was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred, on July 2, 2009; her parents; a sister, Evelyn L. Schneider.

Survivors include sons, Bill Keirns and Joseph (Judy) Keirns, both of Nortonville; daughter, Luetta (Charley) Giese, Leavenworth, KS; eight grandchildren, Darrin (Angie) Hobbs, Joetta (Carl) Weishaar, Curtis Keirns, Brad Keirns, Shannon (Garrett, III) Blackwell, Casey (Melody) Keirns, Corey Keirns and Carrie Keirns; and eleven great- grandchildren, Jessica, Mary and Patrick Hobbs, Kailie, Kelsie and Hunter Fitzgerald, Dakota and Mason Weishaar, Connor, Jack and Dylan Keirns; three nieces and nephews.