

Auburn, KS

Evelyn Marie Hutfles, 87, of Auburn, Kansas, died Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at the House at Midland Care surrounded by her family.

Evelyn was born March 22, 1929, in Kelly, Kansas, to Bernard (Barnie) and Mary Agnes Knipper Niehues. She graduated from St. Bede's High School in Kelly, Kansas.

On August 21, 1947 she married the love of her life, Clarence F. Hutfles. They resided and farmed in Corning, Kansas, until 1956, when they moved to a farm at Wetmore, Kansas, where they farmed until 1979. In retirement, they resided at Netawaka, Holton and Topeka, Kansas. They enjoyed 61 years of life together. After the death of Clarence, she recently resided at The Homestead in Auburn, Kansas, where everyone there became her second family.

Evelyn was a homemaker and helped Clarence on the farm. After they sold the farm in 1979 she began her own home cleaning business, continuing this until 2001. She loved to cook, sew, play cards, bingo and assemble jigsaw puzzles. She was a beautiful seamstress. She loved her family and loved to have fun at whatever she did. She will be fondly remembered for her great sense of humor which she maintained even in her last days. She was always strengthened by her deep abiding faith in the Lord. She was previously a member of St. James Catholic Church, and Altar Society, in Wetmore, Kansas; St. Dominic Catholic Church in Holton, Kansas; and since 2002, Christ the King Catholic Church in Topeka, Kansas.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, in 2008, her granddaughter, Kendra Askren, her parents and 11 brothers and sisters. She is survived by her three sons, William Hutfles and wife, Jane, Omaha, NE; Sam Hutfles and wife Sandy, Seneca, KS; Lewis Hutfles and wife Lupe, Topeka, KS; her five daughters, Mary Boggs and husband Bob, Wakarusa, KS; Lora Barnett and husband Lee, Wakarusa, KS; Sandy Biggs, Topeka, KS; Jackie Askren and husband Kent, Rossville, KS; and Jenny Ohlsen and husband Eric, Whiting, KS; 17 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, her brother, Eddie Niehues, Seneca, KS, and her sisters, Antionette Hermesch, Kelly, KS and Josepha Altenhofen, Lincoln, NE.

Visitation will be July 3, 2016 at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton, KS from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., with a rosary being said at 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, July 4, at 10:00 a.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, Topeka, KS. Interment will follow at the Wetmore Cemetery, Wetmore, KS.

Memorial contributions may be made to The House at Midland Care, 120 SW Frazier, Topeka, KS 66606, or Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka, KS 66614. On-line condolences may be made at [chapeloaksfuneralhome.com](http://chapeloaksfuneralhome.com)