

Hiawatha, KS

Myrtle Evelyn King, 99, of Hiawatha, passed away at her daughter's home in Hiawatha, Sunday, July 3, 2016.

She was born in McLouth, KS, November 29, 1916, one of five children born to the late Grant and Nita Gardner Myers. Myrtle grew up in McLouth, attending school there, later graduating from high school with the class of 1934.

Myrtle married Harold F. King, in 1934. To this marriage, they had seven children. They owned the locker plant in Nortonville before moving to Hiawatha in 1963, where he was manager of Hite's Locker Plant. They later divorced in 1965.

Myrtle was well known in Hiawatha for being a waitress at the Delmonico Café for 16 years, along with several other restaurants through the years. She was a Green Thumb worker through the Brown County Health Dept. in the late 1980's.

She loved watching her family grow, caring for flowers, playing bingo, and going to the Casinos. She was very active until her health no longer allowed her to get out.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, two sisters, a son Robert in 1964; a daughter Elizabeth Bertels in 2010; and 7 grandchildren.

Survivors include four daughters: Shirley (John) Pantle of Nortonville, Nancy Scherer and Barbara (Leroy) Kiefer, both of Atchison, Debra King of Hiawatha; a son Richard King (Fiance' Dianne Hudgins) of Falls City, NE; 21 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren; and 35 great-great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Myrtle's life is planned for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 9, at Eternal Hope Family Life Center, 424 Oregon St., Hiawatha. Pastor Rich Lehmkuhl will officiate. Cremation will follow services with private family inurnment at a later date at the McLouth Cemetery.

Friends may call at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home after 10 a.m. Friday where the family will meet from 6 until 8 that evening.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Myrtle King Memorial Fund which may be sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434.