

Centralia, KS

Dorothy M. Schmitz, 87, Centralia, died Monday, January 9, 2017 at Crestview Nursing and Residential Living in Seneca.

She was born April 11, 1929, on a farm southeast of Baileyville, the daughter of Albert and Hilda Osterhaus. Dorothy attended Sacred Heart Grade School and graduated from Baileyville High School in 1947. She was employed by Leo Schmidt Cabins in Baileyville.

On May 23, 1951, she married Adrian A. Schmitz at Sacred Heart Church at Baileyville. They farmed several farms from 1951 to 1955 until they moved to their present farm southeast of Centralia. Besides farming and livestock, they had a dairy operation. Dorothy also raised chickens, had a large garden, and did a lot of canning.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Church where she served as president of the church council for a year, the Altar Society here she also served as president. Besides raising her family, she enjoyed sewing for them, quilting, embroidery, and doing crafts.

Survivors are her five sons, Leo of Antonito, CO, Melvin (Cheryl) of Olathe, Sylvester of Centralia, Benedict (Stephanie) of Topeka, and George of Hoyt; four daughters, Eloise (Mac) Kearns of Salina, Lucy (Clint) Dickers of Warrensburg, MO, Alice (Dave) McPhail of Chapman, Ann (Kevin) Deters of Seneca; a brother, Marvin Mathewson of, Baileyville; a sister Ileta Klecan of Hanover; and 20 grandchildren 9 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Adrian on February 21, 2006, a 15-month-old son, Cletus, March 12, 1957, a daughter-in-law Maria Schmitz, a brother, Raymond Mathewson of Baileyville and a sister, Irene Schmitz

Mass of Christian burial will be 11 a.m. Thursday, January 12, 2017 at St. Patrick's Church, Corning. The rosary will be prayed at the Lauer Funeral Home in Seneca on Wednesday November 11, 2017 at 2 and 7 P.M. at the Lauer Funeral Home in Seneca.

Memorials may be given for St. Patrick's Church Building Fund and sent in care of the family.