

Topeka, formerly of Mayetta, KS



Emily Ann Barber Aitkens, 64, of Topeka, KS formerly of Mayetta, KS passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka. She was born July 19, 1952 in Sioux Falls, SD, the daughter of Willis L. and Julia Ann (Cook) Barber.

Emily attended Holton High School and attended one year at Haskell University. She was a Certified Nurse Aide, Prairie Band Potawatomi CHR and a homemaker. Emily was a member of the Potawatomi Pentecostal Church and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

Survivors include a daughter, Tiffany Gurden of Topeka, KS; 4 grandchildren, Daylene Johannes, Shaylene Perry, Stevaucia Perry and Montoy Perry; 5 great grandchildren, Jaylah Williams, Joell Wilson, Jessiah Wilson, Athena Emily Perry and Catalina Perry; 2 sisters, Nancy Barber-Counts of Mayetta, KS and Lori Molina of Topeka, KS; 3 brothers, Jeff Barber, Tony Barber and Dwayne Barber all of Delia, KS.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Steve Travis Perry, Jr.; a great grandson, Jayden Buckholter and a brother, William Barber.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 27, 2017 at the Potawatomi Pentecostal Church (10054 134th Rd., Mayetta, KS) with burial to follow in the church cemetery. Family will greet friends from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Thursday evening at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.