

Effingham, KS

Stella Louise Wessel, 75 of Effingham, KS, passed away Monday, March 20, 2017 at the Atchison Hospital, Atchison, KS.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 AM, Friday, March 24, 2017 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Effingham, KS, with Fr. Benjamin Tremmel, as celebrant. Burial will follow in St. Ann's Cemetery. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 6:00 PM, Thursday, March 23, 2017 at St. Ann's Church with visitation following until 8:00 PM. The body will lie in state from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Thursday at the Becker Chapel, Effingham, KS. Memorials are suggested to St. Ann's Church or the Special Olympics. Words of sympathy and remembrance may be left online at www.beckerdyer.com

Stella was born on October 26, 1941, in Jamestown, KS, the daughter of William and Frances (Vering) Peltier. She attended Marymount in Salina, KS, having earned a BA in Home Economics. Stella worked for Kansas State University Extension Office as the Atchison County Home Economist. She also was a substitute teacher for USD 377. Stella was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, serving on the Altar Society. She also was a member of Effingham Community Club and Red Hatters. One of her greatest enjoyments was her grandchildren.

Stella and Leander Wessel were married on December 28, 1968 in Jamestown, KS. He preceded her in death on December 27, 2016. Survivors include a son, Daniel (Kristie) Wessel, Leavenworth, KS; a daughter, Michele Wessel, Overland Park, KS; two grandchildren, Eric and Kara Wessel and a sister in law, Johanna Peltier, Ypsilanti, MI.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and three brothers; Joseph, John and Vincent Peltier.