

Meriden, formerly of Valley Falls, KS



**Cleo Ann Tillery, 80, Meriden, formerly of Valley Falls, died Thursday, May 18, 2017, at Midland Care at Linnwood Park Home Plus at Valley Falls.**

**She was born March 20, 1937, at Oskaloosa, the daughter of Jack and Zelda Mae Davenport Dick. She graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1955.**

**In addition to being a homemaker, Cleo was a dental assistant for 38 years. She worked first in Topeka and then alongside her husband, Dr. Fred Tillery, in their dental practice in Valley Falls.**

**Cleo was a member of the United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, the Centenarian Club, and PEO Chapter DK, all in Valley Falls. She was also a member of American Legion Post 225 at Ozawkie, and the Ladies of Moose Lodge 555 and the Women's Dental Auxiliary, both in Topeka.**

**She married James Fred Tillery, March 11, 1956, at the First Presbyterian Church in Oskaloosa. He died April 27, 2006.**

**Survivors include three sons, Brad (Terry) Tillery, Meriden, Dr. Bruce Tillery, Ozawkie, and Bryan (Angie) Tillery, Valley Falls; her daughter, Carla (Dr. John) Davis, Georgetown, DE; two brothers Clifford (her twin), and Max Dick, both of Perry; her sister, Geraldine Vanover, Topeka; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.**

**A funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 20, 2017, at the Valley Falls United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at the Valley Falls Cemetery. Visitation will be at the church from 12:30 p.m. until service time.**

**Memorial contributions may be made to the Valley Falls United Methodist Church and sent c/o Mercer Funeral Home, PO Box 6, Valley Falls, KS 66088. Online condolences are welcome at [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com).**