

Onaga, KS

Mary Ellen (Page) Clay, Onaga, 91, entered eternal celebration with her Lord on June 17, 2017. She was born on February 13, 1926 to Eston and Rhoda (Hoffman) Page at Grove, Kansas just North of Silver Lake. She attended Rossville High School and moved to Topeka shortly afterwards.

She married the love of her life Calvin Clay on April 13, 1952 at Grove, Kansas. They were blessed with two sons William Ross Clay (Darlene), Yukon, Oklahoma and Robert Nathan Clay (Linda), Rogers, Arkansas and one daughter Daisy Marie Parker (Alexander), Berryton, Kansas. She greatly loved her five grandchildren; Page and Abby Parker, Teresa (Nicholas) Sweet and Michael (Sarah) Clay and David (Jenna) Clay they brought her great joy. She was blessed to have four great grandchildren Ava Clay, Griffin Clay and Reece and Sarabelle Sweet. Her family was one of the most important things in her life. She was very proud that all three of her children graduated College, an experience she had not had.

Mary Ellen was preceded in death, by her father and mother (Eston Page 1955 & Rhoda (Hoffman) Page 1965), one brother William 1969 and one sister Esther (Page) Knowlton 2006. Her beloved husband Calvin, aka Papa, preceded her in death on February 9, 2017 a little over four months prior to her. They are together again in eternity.

Mary Ellen worked for Hallmark Greeting Cards for five years in Topeka, Kansas until she married Calvin and moved to a farm six miles north of Onaga, Kansas. They farmed together as a true team where they raised cattle and pigs. She also raised registered dogs (Collies, Boston Terriers and Miniature Schnauzers) for almost four decades. She was a true Farmers wife helping with everything on the farm along with raising their three children. Mary Ellen enjoyed sewing and made at least a hundred blankets, or more, which she gave to family, friends and strangers. You knew you were loved when you received one of her blankets. She was highly involved in 4-H as a youth and with her daughter. She enjoyed numerous bus trips, activities and the lasting relationships she formed as a vital part that organization.

She was a wonderful mother with a strong spirit and an even stronger sense of family and God, which she passed unto her children along with an eye for a good bargain and the love of chocolate ice cream.

Mary Ellen spent the last eight years of her life at Eastridge Care facility in Centralia, Kansas, where she enjoyed a rousing game of bingo with anyone that would play. She graduated into eternity surrounded by her daughter and one granddaughter. Though she will be truly missed, we are all so glad she made it to heaven in time to spend Father's Day with both her father and Papa. Blessed are those who are pure in heart, for they will see The Lord.

Cremation is planned. Memorial services will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, June 24th at the First Congregational Church, UCC in Onaga. Burial will follow in the Neuchatel Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Pottawatomie County 4-H Food Stand and may be sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 312, Onaga, KS 66521. On-line condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com

