

formerly of Hiawatha , KS

Dorothy F. Petty, 81, formerly of Hiawatha, went to be with her Lord Sunday morning, July 9, 2017, at Aldersgate Nursing Home in Topeka, surrounded by her family.

Dorothy was born at Newton, Kansas, one of four children born to Martin and Opal Blosser Loucks. She attended rural Wilson grade school and Fredonia High School. The family moved to Wichita to live briefly in 1945 before returning to rural Wilson County.

Dorothy was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church of Hiawatha where she was very active through the years. In her early years, she taught Sunday school and Bible School; and involved with the United Methodist Women. When her daughters were in Girl Scouts, she served as a leader. Dorothy decorated cakes, belonged to Home Demonstration Unit; and sewed for the hospital for 26 years. First and foremost, she was dedicated to her family and loved them dearly. She enjoyed her friends and neighbors very much. She liked to cook, can, sew, quilt, collect stamps, and bowl.

Dorothy married Jerry R. Petty, July 24, 1955, at Fredonia, KS. When they first were married, they lived near New Albany, KS prior to moving to Burlington, KS in 1964 where he was employed with United/Sprint Telephone Co. In 1969, they moved their family to Hiawatha to live until his death December 21, 2005. Through the years, they enjoyed camping, traveling, and fishing. Dorothy continued to make Hiawatha home until 2006 when she moved to Topeka to be near her daughters.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter Ronda Lee Wenger, July 28, 1982; and a brother Martin James Loucks.

Survivors include two daughters Rita Petty, Jana Petty, both of Topeka; a brother William Loucks of Manhattan; a sister Rebecca Loucks of Coudersport, PA; grandson Travis (Sheila) Wenger; 4 great-grandchildren: Zayne Wenger, Sydney, Tanner, and Samantha Chartier.

A Celebration of Dorothy's life is planned for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, at the First United Methodist Church in Hiawatha, with Rev. Jacob Cloud officiating. Interment will follow at Hiawatha Cemetery.

The family will meet with friends from 6 until 8 Tuesday evening, at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Midland Hospice or Hiawatha Cemetery, which may be sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434.