

Bendena, KS



Gladys (Taylor) Albers, 86, of Bendena, KS, crossed over to new life on July 23, 2017 at Catholic Care Center in Wichita, KS where she moved in 2012 to be near her daughter.

Gladys was born on February 22, 1931 on a farm near White Cloud, KS to Herman “Mike” and Helen (Thomas) Taylor. She was the second of four children, and their only daughter.

Gladys graduated from Highland (KS) College in 1950. She took her first elementary teaching job at Bendena, KS in August 1950, and met her future husband at a Fall Community Dance at the school. Gladys Taylor married Herbert Albers on June 10, 1951 in White Cloud, KS. They cherished over 53 years of marriage before he passed away on January 27, 2005. Also, she has been a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Bendena since 1951.

Gladys did some substitute teaching while raising 3 children, and then in 1968 she enrolled full-time at Benedictine College in Atchison, KS to finish her Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education in 1970. Mrs. Albers taught full-time at Midway Elementary for another 15 years, until retiring in 1985. Gladys also enjoyed growing flowers, vegetables, shrubs & trees, and painting artwork. However, her greatest passion was her love for teaching children or anyone who wanted to learn. Even as she became weaker in her final years, she still loved to teach everyone from young kids to senior citizens.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, husband Herbert Albers, infant great-granddaughter Susana Livingston, son-in-law Larry Chambers, brother Marvin “Buddy” Taylor, and brother Keith Taylor.

Gladys is survived by one daughter: Susan Chambers of Wichita, KS, and two sons: Colin (Teresa) Albers of Nebraska City, NE, and Glenn (Rose Mary) Albers of Kansas City, MO; Five grandchildren: Derick (Melissa) Albers, Megan (Andrew) Livingston, Dana (Daniel) Dacumos, Thomas Chambers, Kara Chambers; Thirteen great-grandchildren, brother Ron (Lee) Taylor, aunt Bernice Taylor, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral service will be 11:00 A.M. Monday, July 31, 2017 at St. John’s Lutheran Church,

Bendena, KS. Interment will follow at Moray Cemetery. Friends may call at the Harman-Rohde Funeral Home in Troy, KS after 9 A.M. Sunday, where the family will meet with friends from 7–8:30 that evening.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to St. John's Lutheran Church of Bendena, KS; or Moray Cemetery; or Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice of Wichita, KS.