

Troy, KS

Mary Helen (Brazelton) Loroff, 99, of Troy, Kansas passed away Sunday, September 3, 2017 at the Living Community of St. Joseph, Missouri.

Mary Helen was born February 12, 1918 in Lake View, Iowa, where her father was teaching. The family moved back to Doniphan County, Kansas, settling on a fruit and poultry farm east of Troy in June of 1920.

She attended Troy grade and high school, graduating valedictorian of the class of 1936. Having taken a Normal Training course in high school, Mary Helen started her teaching career at Mount Airy, rural school west of Wathena. After two years there she went to Elwood to teach third and fourth grades and coach high school girl's basketball for four years.

Mary Helen married Arthur Paul Loroff Jr. on October 25, 1941. They lived on the Potowattomie road southeast of Troy where they raised grain and livestock. She loved every aspect of farming. Her husband did custom hay bailing. She rode a Case baler tying bales. They went to Burwell, Nebraska every fall to the cattle auctions and she helped figure costs using a slide rule. No hand held calculators back then. Her favorite farm animals were her sheep which she managed for forty years.

Mary Helen assisted O.O. Fulk in preparing income taxes. When Mr. Fulk died in 1965 she purchased his tax business. With her special friend, Donna Harris, she prepared income taxes until retiring in 1987.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Paul Loroff Jr., parents, James Senter and Ethel Mawson Brazelton, her brother, Warren Lee Brazelton, her niece, Antonietta Brazelton, niece, Judy Douglas.

She is survived by her nephew, Michael Lee Brazelton and grand nieces, Ashley and Allison of Fairfax, Virginia and Adriana Holte and husband Drew, nephew-in-law, Larry Douglas of Hollywood, California and Susan Brazelton of Morgan Hill, California.

Funeral Service: 10:30 A.M. Saturday, September 9, 2017

At the United Methodist Church in Troy, Kansas

Visitation: 7-8 Friday evening at the Harman-Rohde Funeral Home in Troy, Kansas.

Friends may call after 9 A.M. Friday.

Burial: Mount Olive Cemetery, Troy, Kansas

Memorials: Troy Ambulance Fund or the United Methodist Church of Troy