

Atchison, KS

Patricia L. Porter, 89, of Atchison, KS died on Monday, December 31, 2018 at the Atchison Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, Jan. 4th, 2019 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church with Rev. Craig Lantz officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Atchison KS. The family will receive friends from 1:00 pm until time of service at the church on Friday. The Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Memorial contributions are suggested to Mt. Vernon Cemetery or St. Mark's Lutheran Church and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences to the family may be left online at www.beckerdyer.com.

Pat was born on Oct. 31, 1929 in her home near Cummings KS the daughter of Grace M (Hattan) and Leonard E. Lewman. Pat was married to Charles Porter on June 4, 1950 at the Cummings Methodist Church. They had one son Kirk. Kirk was Pat's pride and joy; they spent many hours going to the farm and playing cards. Charlie preceded her in death on March 14, 1984. Kirk also preceded her in death on July 19, 2014. Pat graduated from Atchison County Community High School in 1947 and started teaching in country schools carrying water, building fires, janitor work and cleaning the outdoor toilets at Prairie View 1947-1948. She then went to Potter School for 9 years teaching the first four grades. She later moved to Atchison and started at the Kansas Children Receiving Home and taught the lower grades for 8 years. She then went to Fort Leavenworth and taught First and Third grades at General Eisenhower and General Bradley teaching 29 years. Pat loved teaching and was very faithful in her profession.

Pat and Charlie built their home in Atchison starting in 1973 and moving in 1976. After working at their regular jobs they worked every night for 4 hours building their home brick by brick. Kirk spent many hours doing homework at a little desk while Pat and Charlie worked on the house. When building their home they built a square dance floor in the basement, where they spend many hours square dancing with friends.

Pat adored her two granddaughters (her heavenly angels) Maggie and Molly. She was blessed with her sweet great granddaughter Evelyn Rose. She loved to entertain for her family, which was her living joy. She also enjoyed the garden and may flowers. Her garden was for sharing. Pat did all her own yard work spending many hours tending to the vegetable and many flowers.

After retiring Pat was very active in the Retired Teachers Association, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, several card clubs, TOPS, VFW, American Legion, and Atchison Hospital Auxiliary and loved to go to St. Benedicts football and basketball games. She also loved KU Football and basketball games. Pat was an energetic vivacious lady: she was always helping and doing things for others. She will be missed by all. Her final wishes are "Trust in God. Live your life to the fullest. Be Kind, be loving and always be forgiving."

Survivors include her daughter in law Patsy Porter, Atchison, two granddaughters Maggie and

Molly Porter, and her blessed great granddaughter Evelyn Rose, sister Helen (Gary) Meader, several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and many special friends. Pat was preceded in death by her parents, brothers James, Roy, Robert, Ralph, Winnie, (infant) Hershel and a sister Mary Jane.