Sabetha, KS



Annie Elizabeth (Combs) Gutknecht, 89, of Sabetha, KS passed away peacefully Thursday, June 6, 2019 surrounded by loved ones, at the Sabetha Manor.

Annie was born March 20, 1930 in Moreland, Georgia the daughter of Eugene and Zanna (Moulton) Combs. The family moved around a lot during Annie's growing years. Her parents were migrant workers moving with the harvesting of different crops. She often talked about picking in the cotton fields or harvesting apples. Annie met her husband Max in 1947. They married December 9, of the same year in Reno, Nevada. Max's family lived in Kansas, making the move to Albany was a logical choice. Annie had an eighth-grade education as was normal for the times. She was a homemaker and mother of twelve children that kept her very busy.

Annie enjoyed reading, doing puzzles, gardening, and playing bingo. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Max; two sisters, baby Velma Lois and Helen Reynolds; two brothers, Bobby and Gene Combs; and a son, Kenneth Gutknecht.

Annie is survived by a sister Carolee Simmons and a brother John Combs both of St Joseph, Mo. Her legacy continues in her children, Bill (Susan) Gutknecht of Idaho, Linda (Stephen) Landry of California, Dale (Mary) Gutknecht of Bern, Donald (Judi) Gutknecht of Louisiana, Lois (Bob) Drury of Lawrence, Hugh Gutknecht of California, Lonnie Gutknecht of Valley Falls, Connie (Eric) Gish of North Carolina, Wanda Stokley of Nevada, Samuel Gutknecht and Sarah (Kevin) Wiltz both of Sabetha, and her 25 grandchildren; numerous great and great-great grandchildren, and many nieces, and nephews.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Popkess Mortuary Chapel in Sabetha. Visitation will be Monday, June 10, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Popkess Mortuary in Sabetha. Interment will be made in the Albany Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Stormont Vail Foundation – Newborn Intensive Care Unit, sent in care of Popkess Mortuary, 823 Virginia Street, Sabetha, KS 66534. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.popkessmortuaries.com.