

Hiawatha, KS



Beverly Alfrey Lentz, 88, passed away from her early life to her heavenly life on Wednesday September 4, 2019 at her apartment in Hiawatha surrounded by her family.

She was born at Sparks, Kansas on March 24, 1931 to Morton and Velma Nash Alfrey one of 3 children.

Beverly grew up in Sparks Kansas started school there as a child on a farm. Her folks decided to move to Troy on a farm when she was 7 years old attended school there and then in 1940, her folks moved to Iowa Point on a farm she went to school and graduated May of 1947.

She worked on the farm as a child with her (2) brothers, as a girl she had a hard time as she helped with chores, in the hayfield, picked up corn and worked in the bean fields.

Beverly was married to Frank Lentz in 1947 at Iowa Point there she raised her family they didn't have electricity until 1955 still no running water she canned a lot of food from raising a garden, washing on wringer washing machine and raised 8 children and they all graduated from Highland High School and In 1967 she moved to Highland and she did not have to carry water any more on June 3, 1967 she lost her oldest son Ben to cancer and she worked at her brothers restaurant for a while she also helped pick apples and then she lost her oldest brother Captain in 1968 from Leukemia at that time she got a job with Justice Manufacturing in 1970 and in 1976 she lost another son Jim in a drowning accident in the Wolf River.

In 1999 she moved to Hiawatha to be closer to her job and then she lost her brother Corkey in 1991 her dad passed away in 1992 and in 1993 she retired from Justice which at that time was named Flair Fold.

After retirement in 1994 she moved to Mississippi to visit with her daughter and son-in-law for a while before coming back to Kansas. Sold her home moved to St. Joseph, Missouri for a time and then moved back to Hiawatha and moved into her apartment at Pemberton Village in 1999 Frank passed away and 2001 her mother died.

After her aunts death in 2008 she started taking care of her Uncle Bill who is in Maple Heights Nursing Home.

Beverly is survived by her 4 daughters and 2 sons Virginia, Ellie, Sharon, Susan, Doug and Thomas, 13 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, daughter-in-law Kathleen, son-in-law Richard, and many nieces and nephews.

The family will meet with friends starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 14, at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Highland, to go in procession to Highland Cemetery for graveside services at 11a.m. Pastor Rich Lehmkuhl, of Eternal Hope Worship Center in Hiawatha, will officiate.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 10 a.m. until 6 Friday evening.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Hope Lodge in Kansas City, MO which may be sent in care of the funeral home, PO Box 33, Highland 66035.

A special message may be sent to the family at www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com