

Netawaka, KS



Dorothy Irene Simon, 87, of Netawaka, KS, passed away Friday, November 29, 2019 at her home, with family by her side. She was born January 20, 1932 in Mayetta, KS, the daughter of Charles M. and Goldie Irene (Stewart) Pappan.

Dorothy attended Circleville High School and later earned her G.E.D. In her earlier years, she worked in the library at Powhattan High School and at the Slimaker Dress Factory and as a switchboard operator both in Holton. She worked as a receptionist and assistant at a veterinarian clinic in Wetmore and operated the Buffalo Café on the Kickapoo Reservation. She also served as Director for the Kickapoo Senior Center for many years and worked with her husband, Ralph, for Simon Roofing.

She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and a 65-year member of the Powhattan American Legion Auxiliary.

Dorothy married Ralph E. Simon, Sr. on October 17, 1948 in Hiawatha, KS. He preceded her in death on August 21, 2006, after 58 years of marriage. She was also preceded in death by a son, David Simon in 1970; 3 sisters, Theresa Anderson, Sharon McClane and Margaret Ann Pappan.

Survivors include 2 sons, Ralph E. Simon, Jr. (Linda) of Manhattan, KS and Daniel Simon of Horton, KS; 2 daughters, Jean Simon and June Simon both of Netawaka, KS; 2 sisters, Geraldine Hamlin and Charlene Anderson both of Hoyt, KS; a brother, Donald C. Pappan (Sherry) of Topeka, KS; 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Family will greet friends 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Monday, December 2, 2019 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in the Kennekuk Cemetery (on the Kickapoo Reservation). In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Holton American Legion Post 1367 or Kennekuk Church c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.