

## Hiawatha, KS

Gertrude Elizabeth (Adkins) Hamilton passed away December 28, 2019 at the Maple Heights Care Center in Hiawatha, KS. She was the daughter of Samuel (Frank) and Maude (Randall) Adkins. Gertrude was born February 26, 1932 at Everest, KS.

She was loved for her caring heart, spunky sense of humor, and her willingness to help people going through hard times. She was also known for being a strong and intelligent woman. After her children were grown she attended Highland Community College receiving an associate's degree in law. Gert was also a member of the city council in White Cloud from 1987 to 2007. She served as the mayor of White Cloud for a short time. During her time on the council she was instrumental in getting the new water well system and park in White Cloud. Gertrude was known for her ability to cook from scratch in a moment's notice. Many enjoyed homemade Sunday dinners especially her chicken and noodles.

Gertrude married George Arthur Hamilton on October 30, 1950 in Hiawatha, KS. They started their married life in Salem, NE then moving to White Cloud, KS in 1953 living there till 2010. Together they raised 9 children. Preceding her in death were her parents, husband George, son Jesse and grandson Tony Acton. Additional family members that preceded Gertrude were Brothers Alfred, Jack, Melvin, Samuel and Dick Adkins and sisters Betty Myers and Erma Pohl.

Surviving Gertrude are her children: Georgia (Rich) Jones, Robert (Hui Cha) Hamilton, Mary (Robert) Waggoner, Sheryl Hamilton (widow of Jesse), Sue (Roger) Drake, Clinton (JoNell) Hamilton, Pam Hamilton, Francie Hamilton, Carla (Morris) Watkins. 23 grandchildren, 61 great grandchildren and 15 great, great grandchildren. Additional survivors are Sisters Cleo Stewart and Joyce Moppin and Brothers Art, Delbert, John, and Danny Adkins

Family visitation will be at the Dorr and Clark Funeral Home in Falls City, NE Thursday, January 2, 2020 from 6 pm to 8 pm. The funeral service will be on Friday, January 3 at the Dorr and Clark Funeral Home in Falls City, NE at 10:30 am. Interment will follow at the Maple Cemetery in Salem, NE.