

Seneca, KS

Neva Jean Cardwell, 91, of Seneca, died unexpectedly on Friday morning, January 10, 2020 at the Nemaha Valley Community Hospital in Seneca.

Neva was born on May 23, 1928 in Cuba, Kansas to Frank and Blazena Koulea Trecek. Neva grew up in the Cuba community, attended Cuba school and graduated from Cuba High School in 1946. After graduating, she attended Kansas State University in Manhattan. As a college graduate she taught at Seto country school for three years.

On January 20, 1949 she married John A. Cardwell at Amama Lutheran Church in Scandia, Kansas. They were in Topeka for 12 years and in Wichita for 2 years. They moved to Seneca on August 15, 1969; because John took over the Farm Bureau Insurance office in Seneca. Neva and John spent their winters in Ft. Meyers Beach Florida for over 30 years. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Seneca Women's Club and the Red Hats. She enjoyed Golf, Bridge and traveling with John to see her grandkids whenever she could. They celebrated their 70th years of being married, prior to her death.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Ardith Conroy on December 17, 2007; and her parents, Frank on July 21, 1999 and Blazena on December 13, 1983.

She is survived by her husband, John; her two sons, Rick (Diane) Cardwell, of Ames, Iowa and Terry (Sherry) Cardwell of Seneca; and seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 2 PM the Lauer Funeral Home, in Seneca; the family will hold a visitation prior to the Funeral from 1-2PM. Burial will be in the Seneca City at a later date.

Memorials are for the Nemaha Valley Community Hospital sent in Care of the family. Lauer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. To express your sympathy and for more information visit www.lauerfuneralhome.com.