

Atchison, formerly of Circleville, KS



Irene L. Ernzen, 91, of Atchison, KS, formerly of Circleville, KS, passed away Friday, February 28, 2020 at her home in Atchison. She was born October 5, 1928 in Harveyville, KS, the daughter of Clifford and Freda (Keene) Lindsey.

Irene graduated from Potter High School. She had lived in the Circleville area since 1984 and moved to Atchison in 2015.

She was a homemaker, she worked as a welder for Rockwell International in Atchison and as a cook at The Coach House in Holton. Irene was a member of the Circleville First Christian Church.

She married Robert L. Ernzen on November 29, 1947 in St. Patrick, KS; he preceded her in death on September 20, 2005, after 58 years of marriage. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Catherine F. Wilson; 2 grandsons, Chris Ernzen and Charles R. Carskaddon; 2 sisters, Lora Mae Boeh and Jean Harding and a brother, Clyde White.

Survivors include her 8 children, Lynette M. Ernzen of Atchison, KS, Clifford J. Ernzen of Thayer, KS, Robert E. Ernzen (Kathy) of St. Joseph, MO, Michael W. Ernzen (Diana) of Atchison, KS, Richard L. Ernzen (Denise) of Troy, KS, David J. Ernzen (Deborah) of Atchison, KS, Elizabeth I. Ernzen of Atchison, KS and Matthew H. Ernzen (Jeannie) of Atchison, KS; 3 brothers, Archie White (Betty) of Fisherville, KY and Wiley White (Glenda) of Arkansas; step-brother, Dean White of Arkansas; 26 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Family will greet friends one hour prior to service time. Burial will follow in the Holton Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society 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.

