

Axtell, KS

Irene Rose Heinen, 89, of Axtell died Thursday, March 5, 2020 at Life Care in Seneca with her loving family around her.

She was born August 1, 1930 at Seneca, KS the daughter of Susie (Wichman) and Frank Meyer. She attended and graduated from St. Peter & Paul Catholic School, Seneca. She married Clarence Heinen on August 1, 1949 at St. Peter & Paul in Seneca, of the marriage nine children were born. The couple celebrated 58 years of marriage before his death on February 26, 2008.

Irene enjoyed spending time with her family and grandkids and attending their sporting events. She also enjoyed gardening, camping, quilting and crafts. She volunteered to lead the rosary and stations of the cross at Life Care for 24 ½ years. Irene was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Axtell and the Auxiliary Guild.

She was preceded in death was her husband, Clarence; grandson, Dawson Heinen; a brother Frank Meyer; and a sister, Thelma Schmelzle.

Irene is survived by six sons, Darrell (Donna) Heinen, Doug (Linda) Heinen, and Derek (Rhonda) Heinen, all of Axtell, Dave (Connie) Heinen of Olathe, Dewaine (MaryAnn) Heinen of Blue Rapids and Dale (Jeannie) Heinen, McPherson; three daughters, D'Ann (Richard) Allen of Seneca, Donna (Tom) Rottinghaus of Axtell and Darlene (Jeff) Dees of McPherson; two sisters, Mary (Rene) Engelken of Kansas City and Loyola (Virgil) Engelken of Seneca; and a brother, Les Meyer of Basehor. Irene was "blessed" with 37 grandchildren, 66 great-grandchildren, and one to arrive shortly.

A rosary will be prayed at 2 PM on Sunday, March 8, 2020, at St. Michael's Church in Axtell and a rosary will be prayed at 7 P.M. at the Lauer Funeral Home in Seneca. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 1:00 PM Monday, March 9, 2020 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Axtell. Burial will be in the Church Cemetery.

Memorials will be designated at a later date.

Lauer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. To express your sympathy and for more information visit www.lauerfuneralhome.com.