

Seneca, KS

Vivian D. Heideman, 90, of Seneca died peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at Life Care Center of Seneca.

She was born on December 31, 1929 to Henry John and Alvira Genevieve Leddy Lueb; in a farmhouse near Centralia, Kansas. The family later moved to Seneca, where they raised their four daughters—Eleanor, Virginia, Vivian and Patricia. Vivian attended school at Sts. Peter & Paul School, where she graduated in 1947. She worked as a secretary at Winterscheidt Feed Company. She was also employed by the Seneca Theatre and Ray's IGA Grocery Store.

Vivian married John Heideman June 24, 1948; they made their home in Seneca, raising four children. They would go on to have many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The couple celebrated 41 years of marriage before John's death. Vivian had the great fortune to remain in the same home she raised her children in, until very near the end of her life. Vivian had an irreplaceable personality. She was full of life and dedicated all her love and attention to her family. Vivian loved Christmas, baking bread, crocheting and eating sweets.

She was a member of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church.

Vivian was preceded in death by her parents, Henry on December 25, 1982 and Alvira on February 10, 1985; her husband, John on October 4, 1989; a daughter, Sandra R. "Sandy" Wichman on December 22, 2015; her sisters, Eleanor Zimmerman, Pat Henry and Virginia Gudenkauf on June 23, 2014; and a grandson-in-law, Keith Strathman on January 8, 2007.

She is survived by her son, Richard (Nancy) Heideman of Omaha; two daughters, Terry (Marty) Nordhus of Seneca and Leddy (Larry) Keever of Seneca; 17 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held Friday evening, October 16th from 6-7:30 PM at the Lauer Funeral Home in Seneca. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday morning, October 17, 2020 at 10 AM at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be left in her memory to Sts. Peter & Paul School, sent in care of the family.