

Atchison, KS

Dorothy Evelyn Gilliland, 87, of Atchison, passed away Friday, July 20, 2012 at the Atchison Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home with Rev. Lou Davies, Lancaster United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in the Sunset Memory Gardens, Atchison. The family will receive friends from 7:00-8:30 PM Monday, at the funeral home. Memorials in honor of Mrs. Gilliland are suggested to the Lancaster United Methodist Church and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Words of comfort for the family may be left at www.beckerdyer.com.

Dorothy was born on December 15, 1924 in Nortonville, KS the daughter of Edward Zacharias and Rose Marie (Derringer) Bidding. She graduated from Netawaka High School in 1943. Dorothy was a member of the Lancaster United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, the Birthday Club and the Old Huron Memorial Club. She was a homemaker that enjoyed flowers, especially her Amaryllis & Violets, canning vegetables that Everett grew and watching the wrens that flew in her yard. She was a perfectionist when it came to being a seamstress and loved going shopping. Dorothy absolutely adored her family and cherished every moment spent with them.

Dorothy married Everett Gilliland on August 22, 1945. He preceded her in death on April 1, 2012. She was also preceded in death by brothers, Edward, Fritz, Carl, Bob and Earl Bidding and a sister, Marie Brown.

Survivors include four sons, Gary (Tammy) Gilliland, Atchison KS; David (Susan) Gilliland, Atchison KS; Mark (Helen) Gilliland, Boca Beach, FL; Ronald Gilliland, Lancaster, KS; four daughters, Nancy Noel and Doug McIntire, Little Rock, AR; Sandra (Jim) Weaver, Muscotah KS; Janice (Dennis) Heusi, Effingham, KS; Pam (Denny) Lorenz, Shawnee, KS; 16 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.