

Goff , KS



Mary Alberta Capsey Sourk of Goff died peacefully at the age of 96 on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at Crestview Manor Nursing and Residential Living in Seneca. Mary was born May 8, 1916, on the Capsey farm north of Soldier to W.H. and Ella Marie Forest Cook Capsey. She attended Mount Union Country School, graduating in 1934 from Soldier High School. Mary married William Ward Sourk on October 22, 1934 in Leavenworth, celebrating yearly at the American Royal in Kansas City. Mary and Ward attended Kansas State University football and basketball games, for which they had season tickets. She also enjoyed attending Bank meetings with Ward as First National Bank of Goff President, until his death in 1979. Mary continued to hold the Bank shares until 2007. Mary stayed on the farm and continued to operate the cropland and cattle herd with the help of her son, Edward, until her death.

Mary was an asset to her community and church, serving as a UMW officer for Goff United Methodist Church, the Administrative Church Board, the Goff chapter of Eastern Star for 65 years, and was Worthy Matron. Mary was also a founding member of the Goff Pride Committee.

Mary was a Rustlers 4-H Club Project Leader for 34 years and the Community Leader for 19 years. She worked for 4-H through the Extension Council, as a superintendent at the County 4-H Fairs; and in 1999 was the Grand Marshall of the Nemaha County Fair Parade. Mary was a supporter of many community organizations, including the county Extension program as a member of the Homemakers Unit for 50 years; the Corning Unit; Extension Representative and the multi-county Glacial Hills RC & D; 30 years on the county chapter of the American Cancer Society; and was on the Board of the Nemaha County Historical Society.

She was a life-long member of the So & So Club, an organization started by her mother. She was a 70 year member of the GFWC Goff Women's Club and a member of the district GFWC Kansas Rainbow Club. In 1979 she was GFWC First District President. Mary also served as the District Citizenship Pilgrimage Chairman, District Art Chairman, and State HOBY Chairman.

Mary was a strong independent woman to whom family meant a great deal, and until her health prohibited, she had a weekly Friday luncheon with her siblings. After Ward's death, Mary enjoyed traveling with family and friends, traveling to Europe, a Hawaiian Cruise, numerous GFWC Mississippi Valley and National Conventions, and lastly traveling at the age of 92 to Playa de Flamingos Beach of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for her granddaughter's wedding.

Besides her husband, Mary was preceded in death by two grandsons, Douglas Stephens and Steven Rowland; siblings, Nora Helen Allen Monroe, Maurine McCorkle, Kenneth Capsey and Georgena Miller; and son-in-law, Norman Stephens. She will be missed by her children, Mary Lee Stephens of Americus, Virginia Cook of Parsons and Ed (Helen) Sourk of Hiawatha; grandchildren, David Stephens, Brian Stephens, Donald Stephens, Ted Rowland, Susan Richards, Sara Sourk, Grant Sourk and Luke Sourk; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and siblings, Lela Kroh of Kansas City; Betty Rieschick of Soldier; Edwina Pollock of Holton.

A visitation will be held from 4-7 PM on Sunday at the Lauer Funeral Home in Seneca. Funeral services at 2 PM on Monday, October 15, 2012 at Lauer Funeral Home. She will be laid to rest next to her husband, Ward, in the Fairview Cemetery in Goff. The Mary Sourk Memorial Fund, to be used for the benefit of the community, may be sent in care of Lauer Funeral Home 212 S 4th Street Seneca, KS 66538.

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