

Atchison, KS

Betty Jane Shaver Dettmer, 94, died November, 30, 2019, at Atchison Senior village.

Services will be held at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home with burial to follow at Mt Vernon Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Atchison Public Library for large print books and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.beckerdyer.com.

She was born September 8, 1925, in Randolph, Kan., the daughter of Jacob and Ellen Mae Shaver. She attended schools in Riley County and moved to Atchison in 1948. She married David Dettmer on Oct. 20, 1943, at the First Christian Church in Manhattan. They were married for 53 years. He preceded her in death in 1996. Having had to leave school after the 8th grade to help on the family farm, she earned her GED in adulthood and went on to earn her Education for Ministry certification in the late 1980s. She was a talented seamstress, a great cook, a good guitar player, an impressive softball pitcher, and an avid reader. Although she was legendary for cutting someone's head off in almost every picture she took, she loved capturing memories with loved ones. And there was nothing she loved more than her family. A close second was being of service.

She was active in the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), serving as secretary of the board; chairman of the Outreach, Membership, and Christian Education committees; deaconess; elder; and youth group sponsor. She held every office in the Christian Women's Fellowship group, and was president of the church sewing group, chairman of the church's three prayer chains, and elder emeritus. She was a lifelong member of the Girl Scouts (active for more than 25 years) and was active in the Martha Washington Chapter No. 215 Order of Easter Star, and the community.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, two brothers, Ellis and Jake, and one sister Virginia. Betty is survived by two daughters, Betty Sue (Doug) Thomas, Atchison; Cindi (Ken) Nohe, Palm Harbor, Fla; one sister, Ellen Eppler, Topeka; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.