

Hiawatha, formerly of Highland, KS



Ann Hopp, of Hiawatha, formerly of Highland, died Friday, December 13, 2019, at Hiawatha Community Hospital, She was 85.

Ann was born January 10, 1934 in her Great Grandparents home North of Glen Elder, Ks. to Goldie L and Cecil B Anderson their marriage dissolved and Goldie married Harold R Merrill, he adopted Ann. They moved to Brighton, Colo.

She started school in CO and then the family moved to a farm North of Glen Elder and she went to Limestone and Washington Country Schools. They moved back to CO as her Dad was to go into the service, after the war was over they returned to Kansas and settled in Cawker City where Ann finished her education.

Melvin J Hake and Ann were married in Cawker City and to this union two sons were born, Terry L and Timothy J. They moved to Beloit when the Glen Elder dam was built as their home was in the flood plain. Ann worked for Boettcher Supply and the Beloit Creamery. They were divorced and Ann married Thomas G. Hopp they lived near White Cloud and later near Highland on the farm. This marriage dissolved after 38 years.

Ann enjoyed her home, her grandchildren, working in the garden and her flowers. She was a very good cook and when her boys were home the house was always full of hungry kids later friends enjoyed the meals there also. Their yard was her pride and joy with all the trees and grass. She loved animals and they always had several dogs and cats that showed up on their door steps. Bucket calves were a real source of enjoyment when one of the cows refused her baby. Ducks and Geese were often around till someone shot them or predators took their toll. She and her green tractor and tiller were seen around the Highland area for years tilling gardens and yards. She worked in the Kelley Store in White Cloud till after moving to Highland. Later she worked 7 1/2 years at the Casey stores in Hiawatha and Highland. She worked at the Golden Eagle Casino in Horton, Ks for 10 1/2 years.

Ann was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Beloit, Ks till it disband then, White Cloud Auxiliary Post 154, she also was a member of the VFW Auxiliary Post 6424 in Beloit, Ks

Preceding her in death were her parent, and an older brother.

Left to mourn are her sons: Terry, Minneapolis, Min and Timothy (Marilyn) Trimble, Mo, and grand children, Amanda (Faron) McNeal, KC Mo. Meagan (Troy) Parks, Kansas City, Mo., Kelsey (Steven) Bail, Tioga, N.D., Austin (Josie) Hake, Elmira, Mo. and 6 great Grand children A brother Dan (Pat) Merrill, Covina, Calif nieces, Lyn Marie, Lisa, Julie, nephews Steven, David, Jeff and great nieces and nephews. An Aunt, Georgia Becker, Weir, Ks and a host of cousins and friends.

She moved to Hiawatha and lived in the Maple Winds apt. where she had pots of flowers and a small garden. Her cats Booger and Kip were a great source of enjoyment. She and her friends Deb Roland and Sharon Nimz often went on trips together.

Ann was cremated. A Celebration of her life is planned for 1 p.m. January 10, at the Eternal Hope Worship Center, Hiawatha. Pastor Rich Lehmkuhl will officiate. Private burial in the Glenwood Cemetery near Glen Elder, Kansas at a later date.

The family will meet with friends one hour prior to services.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Ann Hopp Memorial Fund, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434.

A message or remembrance may be left for the family at www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com