

Atchison, KS

Virginia Lou Betts, 86, Atchison, Kansas died Thursday, January 9, 2020 at the Atchison Hospital.

A rosary will be recited on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. in the chapel of Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home immediately followed by prayer services. A visitation with the family will follow at the Elks Lodge, 609 Kansas Ave. Inurnment of the cremated remains will be at a later date in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Rushville, Missouri. Memorials are suggested to Atchison Hospital Auxiliary, the American Diabetes Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

Virginia was born July 30, 1933 in Nortonville, Kansas the daughter of Herbert and Irene "Sadie" Sloman Mair. She attended Central and Washington Elementary Schools and St. Joseph's and St. Benedict Elementary Schools and graduated from Atchison High School.

She and Kenneth Betts were united in marriage on February 28, 1951 in Atchison, Kansas. Mr. Betts preceded her in death on January 11, 1997.

Virginia served as a certified nurse's assistant and activity assistant director for the Atchison Hospital. She also assisted her husband, Kenneth in the ownership and operation of Betts Electric Company for many years.

Virginia was a member of Sacred Heart Church, now St. Benedict Parish, the Altar Society of the Church and the Daughter's of Isabella. She was a Preceptor of Beta Sigma Phi, a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Atchison Hospital Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was also a very active participant in her children's youth by serving as a Den Mother for Boy Scouts. Virginia was very active in her granddaughters Prudence Betts- Gwartney and Penny Betts-Schultz lives.

Virginia is survived by two sons, Steve Betts, Atchison, KS; Timothy E. Betts, Quincy, IL; three grandchildren, Prudence Betts- Gwartney, Penny Betts-Schultz and Cheyenne Betts; five great grandchildren and several step great and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert Mair and Irene Sadie Sloman Mair Anderson; a daughter, Diana M. Bryant; a granddaughter, Stephanie Renee Betts; and a brother, Clarence Mair.