

Doniphan , KS

Dorothy Marie Scholz, of Doniphan, Kansas died Saturday, July 31, 2021 at her home surrounded by her family at the age of 94.

Mass of Christian burial will be Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. at St. Joseph Church with Rev. Jeremy Heppler, OSB as celebrant. Interment will follow in Doniphan Cemetery. Parish rosary will be recited on Tuesday, August 3rd, at 6:00 P.M. at the Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home with visitation to follow until 7:30. Memorials are suggested to St. Benedict Parish for Mass Intentions, Doniphan Cemetery or NEK Hospice and may be left in care of the Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.arensbergpruett.com.

Dorothy was born on September 29, 1926, at her home in Potter, Kansas, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Koester) Penning. She graduated from Potter High School in 1943.

She and Henry Louis “Hank” Scholz, Jr. were united in marriage on November 27, 1945, at St. Patrick’s Church in Atchison, Kansas. Mr. Scholz preceded her in death on April 8, 2011.

Dorothy was a member of St. John’s Church in Doniphan, Kansas until its closing and then St. Benedict Parish in Atchison. She was employed at Montgomery Ward until starting her family when she took the role as a homemaker, raising her children and even attending to the livestock. After raising her family, she cleaned for the monks at St. Benedict’s Abbey.

Family came first to Dorothy. She took great pride in tending to her yard and to her flowers. She loved spending as much time as she could with her husband, her children, her grandchildren and her great grandchildren.

Survivors include three daughters, Carol (Robert “Buzz”) Swordy, Atchison, KS, Sharon Martin, Shawnee, KS, Bev (Jeff) Wagner, Atchison, KS; two sons, Kenny (Peggy) Scholz, Atchison, KS, Ronnie Scholz, Troy, KS; a brother, Louis (Patsy) Penning, Atchison, KS; nine grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers, Leonard and Gerald

Penning and a great grandson, Aidan Andrew Liedtke.