

rural Hiawatha , KS



Charlotte Ann (Rieger) Dickinson, 94, of rural Hiawatha, Kansas, passed away Thursday afternoon, September 23, 2021, at Valley Falls, Kansas. Charlotte was born March 21, 1927, near Powhattan, Kansas, to Lloyd Earl and Winifred May (King) Rieger.

She attended Plum Creek School and graduated from Fairview High School in 1944.

Upon graduation from high school, Charlotte was employed for several years at a Hiawatha bank and later part-time in various offices at the courthouse.

Charlotte was united in marriage to Alvin Emery Dickinson on December 15, 1946, at the Evangelical Reformed Church in Fairview, Kansas. To this union were born three children: Linda Stephens, Steven Dickinson, and Brenda McNary.

Following their marriage, Charlotte and Alvin made their home in Hiawatha, Kansas; they moved to a farm south of Hiawatha in 1950. Charlotte was a farm wife for 41 years and helped Alvin with typical farming activities such as feeding livestock, driving the tractor for hay making, hauling grain to the elevator, taking lunches to the field, and going for repair parts.

Mrs. Dickinson was a longtime member of Bethany United Church of Christ and Bethany Women's Guild, where she was very active through the years. She was also a former Primary Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teacher, and choir member. Charlotte was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 0066, VFW 5210 Ladies Auxiliary, and Maple Leaf Squares.

Charlotte and Alvin enjoyed family vacation trips including visiting family in Okinawa, Japan. During retirement years, she enjoyed the tour trips which included visiting 49 states, Panama Canal, Bahamas, Jamaica, Mexico, and Canada.

Charlotte was predeceased by her husband Alvin on February 26, 2012, her parents, her sister Kathryn Rees and husband LeRoy Rees, her sister Mary Holt and husband Leonard Holt, her brother Bernard Rieger, her son-in-law Robert Stephens, her brother-in-law Warren Dickinson

and wife Dorothy Dickinson, and her sister-in-law Myrtle Krebs and husband Elmer Krebs.

Survivors include her daughters Linda Stephens of Auburn, Kansas, Brenda (Michael) McNary of Meriden, Kansas, and her son Steven (Kelly) Dickinson of Horton, Kansas, and sister-in-law Glenda Rieger of Hiawatha, Kansas.

Grandchildren surviving include Marcella (Derek) Barker, Topeka, KS; Stephanie Ness, North Branch, MN; Rebecca Dickinson, Merriam, KS; Bethanie (Dean) Miller, Norfolk, NE; Matthew McNary, Omaha, NE; and Jennifer (Joel) Kruse, St. Louis Park, MN. Step-grandson is Kenneth (Dawn) Stephens, Hiawatha, KS.

Great-grandchildren surviving include Cody Barker, Trenton Barker, Bailey Dudrey, Dominic Dudrey, Kaleb Miller, Kellie Miller, and Kaycie Miller. Step-great-grandchildren are Derek Stephens and Althea Jo Jante. Step-great-great-grandchild is Carter Jante.

A celebration of Charlotte's life is planned for 10:30 in the morning, Monday, September 27, at the Bethany United Church of Christ in Hiawatha with Pastor Shane Spangler officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hiawatha.

Friends may call at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home after noon on Sunday, September 26, where the family will meet with friends from 6 until 8 that evening.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Church Memorial Fund, Brown County Historical Society, or Midland Care Hospice, which may be sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha, KS 66434.

A special message or remembrance may be sent to www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com