Goff, KS



Martha Lois (Stowell) Visser, 86, passed away at Country Place Assisted Living in Seneca, KS, on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. Lois was born on December 20, 1934, to Percy and Cecile (Williams) Stowell on their family farm southeast of Olsburg, Ks. She and her older brother, Lee, attended Oak Grove School a couple miles from their home before attending high school at Olsburg High School. Lois went on to earn her bachelors and masters degrees in home economics from Kansas State University. Lois was a talented seamstress and enjoyed sewing for herself and her family. She made the classic satin dress she wore when she walked down the aisle of the Olsburg United Methodist Church to marry Eugene Sylvester Visser on October 7, 1962. Lois and Eugene recently celebrated 59 years of marriage. They began their married life on Eugene's family farm south of Riley. In 1966, during the Fort Riley expansion, they relocated their farming and cattle operation to Goff, KS in Nemaha County, where they worked and resided for more than 55 years.

Lois was a life-long learner, sharing that love of learning first in the classroom and then with their three children, their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. After receiving her bachelors degree, she taught home economics at Clyde High School in Clyde, Ks, then went back to complete her Masters degree before joining the staff at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. After marrying Eugene, Lois dedicated her life to perfecting the art of being a farm wife, homemaker, gardener and mother. She was active in a local neighborhood club and Family and Community Education (FCE) Extension Club, and project leader for the Red Vermillion 4-H Club. Lois was an avid gardener, famous among her grandchildren for her strawberries and sweet corn.

Lois daily lived her Christian faith. She was a dedicated member of the Corning Trinity United Methodist Church, participating in UMW (United Methodist Women), and helping with Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, and in later years, playing the piano and organ. She was a quiet, kind and gentle soul, always willing and looking for ways to help and care for others. She took great joy in caring for her grandchildren, and she and Eugene were faithful attendees of activities and events for all their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Lee Stowell. Lois is survived by her husband, Eugene, her three children: Carol (Judd) Meyer of Sabetha and their children, Darla

(John) Dwyer of Scottsbluff, NE, Amanda (Wil) Edelman and Wiliam, Adalynn, Gracie and Harv and Zachery Meyer all of Sabetha; Sharon Lindell of Riley and her children, Haley (Robert) Dulniawka of Manhattan, Kyla (Dillon) Tittel and Camryn of Riley, Tyler Lindell of Sabetha, and Ryan Lindell of Riley; and Gregory Visser of Goff (partner Samantha Wichman and her daughters Lilly and Maggie).

Funeral services will be Monday, October 25, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the Corning Trinity United Methodist Church in Corning, Kansas. Visitation will be Sunday, October 24, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Popkess Memorial Chapel in Seneca, Kansas. Interment will be in Corning Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to a fund yet to be designated by the family and sent in care of the Popkess Memorial Chapel, 814 Castle, Seneca, Kansas 66538. Online condolences can be left for the family at popkessmorturies.com