

Atchison, KS

Mary Lou Boldridge Williams-Bey, 82, Olathe, Kansas formerly of Atchison, Kansas died February 3, 2022 at her residence. Homegoing service will be Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home with Elder Kenneth Smith officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Vernon Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be Wednesday evening, Feb. 9th from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.arenbergpruett.com.

Mary Lou was born March 7, 1939 in Atchison, Kansas the daughter of Ellsworth and Mary Beatrice Beadles Boldridge. She attended Sumner Grade School District #9 and later earned her GED. She also attended Vocational Technical Schools in Atchison and Topeka, Kansas and the Ceta Program in Topeka, Kansas for clerical training. She and Herbert Richey, Jr. were united in marriage in 1957 in Atchison, Kansas; he preceded her in death. She and Mr. Donald Williams-Bey were later united in marriage; he preceded her in death. Mary Lou owned and operated Magic Fingers Sewing and Alterations in Atchison until her retirement in 1987. She formerly served as a nurse aide for Cray Senior Manor in Atchison, Kansas and St. Francis Hospital in Topeka, Kansas and other nursing homes in the Topeka area. She also worked at Horton Garment Company in Atchison and the Chicago Sun Times in Kewanee, Illinois. Mary Lou was a member of Campbell Chapel A.M.E. Church in Atchison, Kansas where she formerly served as president of Women's Missionary Society.

Survivors include a son, Steven C. Lee, Topeka, KS; four daughters, Penny L. Richey, Olathe, KS; Lisa A. Richey, Hiawatha, KS; Christina E. Richey, Kansas City, MO; Angela Richey-Braxton, Ketchikan, Alaska; three step-children, Ron (Angela) Bey, Donald (Betty) Bey, II, Ruthie Bey; an aunt, Esther Beadles-Jones, Topeka, KS; three sisters, JoAnn Murray, Ethel Campbell, Diann Boldridge; ten grandchildren, twenty-three great grandchildren and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Herbert W. Richey, III; two brothers, Irving E. Boldridge; Phillip S. Boldridge and a sister, Claudene Boldridge.