

Holton, KS



Ellen Louise Schirmer, 94, of Holton, KS, passed away Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at Medicalodge Jackson County. She was born March 17, 1928 in Menlo, KS, the daughter of Harry Leslie and Edna (Dean) Hoppas.

Ellen graduated from Menlo High School in 1946. She attended 2 years at Kansas State University and earned her Bachelors Degree in Education in 1971 at Washburn University.

She was a teacher at Holton Middle School and Holton High School for 21 years. Ellen also sold real estate for Kellerman Real Estate for 5 years and was County Commissioner for 4 years representing Jackson County- Second District.

Ellen was a member of Evangel United Methodist Church, Chapter PEO, Kings Daughters Sunday School Class, former member of Banner Creek Science Center, volunteered for Holton Senior Citizens Center and was a nominee for the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame in 2019.

She married David Eugene Schirmer on August 26, 1948 in Colby, KS; he preceded her in death on September 17, 2005 after 57 years of marriage. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Edna Hoppas; son Charles S. Schirmer and brother, Charles D. Hoppas.

Survivors include son, Henry D. Schirmer (Charlotte) of Holton, KS; daughter, Mary Ellen Estrada of Topeka, KS; daughter-in-law, Susan Schirmer of Holton, KS; 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Family will greet friends from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 14, 2022 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Funeral Service will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the Holton Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Beck-Bookman Library or Banner Creek Science Center c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com).