

Seneca , KS

Catherine G. Buser, 104, of Seneca, KS, died Saturday morning, February 4, 2012 at Life Care Center in Seneca.

She was born on February 1, 1908, three months premature, to George Washington and Mary Elizabeth Brophy McCarthy. At birth she weighed three pounds, three-quarters ounce and was placed in a shoe box that was kept warm with a hot-water bottle and a lantern at each end. She attended school at West Ridge Schoolhouse and later at Axtell Boarding School. Her first two years of high school were in Turner, KS and she graduated in 1926 from Vermillion High in Vermillion, KS.

She married Victor F. Buser on October 30, 1928 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church near Lillis, KS. The couple owned and operated Vic's Super Saver Service Station in Seneca, Pacific Coffee Shop in Marysville, KS, Hotel West Point in West Point, NE and the Starlite Motel in Seneca. Catherine and Victor were blessed with a baby girl, Joan, in 1931. Catherine and Victor enjoyed 63 happy years of marriage before his death on August 15, 1991.

She was a member of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church and St. Ann's Altar Sodality in Seneca. Catherine enjoyed a good game of bridge, sewing and cooking.

Besides her husband she was preceded in death by her four brothers, Charlie, John, Bill and George McCarthy; and her three sisters, Esther, Gertrude and Genevieve.

She is survived by her daughter, Joan Sorensen of Seneca; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial will be offered at 11 AM Wednesday, February 8, at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Seneca. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Rosaries will be prayed at 2 & 7 PM Tuesday, February 7, at Lauer Funeral Home in Seneca.

Memorials may be given in Catherine's memory for St. Joseph Cemetery, Lillis, KS.