

Atchison, KS



Helen I. Nyhart-Gray, 103 years young, of Atchison, KS. died Friday, Sept. 26th, 2014 at her home surrounded by her family.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am on Thursday, Oct. 2nd, 2014 at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home with Rev. Jason Terpack, Pastor of the Cummings Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow in the Sunset Memory Gardens, Atchison, KS. The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on Wednesday at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Cummings Christian Church or the Atchison Project Concern-Meals on Wheels Program and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences to the family may be left online at [www.beckerdyer.com](http://www.beckerdyer.com).

Helen Irene Victoria Potts was born on May 4, 1911 in Dunavant, KS the daughter of George Daniel and Winnie Fern Dell (Long) Potts. She graduated from Atchison High School in the Class of 1931. Helen worked as a clerk for the former Ramsey's Department Store and at the Horton Garment Company as an inspector until her retirement in 1976. She was a member of the Cummings Christian Church, former member of the Atchison Methodist Church. She was also a charter member of the Curlew EHU Unit, was a member of the KAW Valley Quilting Guild and the Northeast Kansas Quilters Guild. She taught quilting for Tuesday- night Quilters, was a member of the 538 Club, served as a sewing leader for 4-H, and enjoyed traveling and partying and being hostess at her home. Helen had made quilts for the Amelia Earhart Home and had several quilting displays at the Atchison Library. She had several quilts featured in quilting publications.

Helen was married to Sylvester W. "Pete" Nyhart on Aug. 1, 1932 in Hannibal, MO. Mr. Nyhart preceded her in death on April 15, 1987. She was later married to Calvin Gray on Oct. 1, 1998. Mr. Gray preceded her in death on May 29, 2001. Survivors include a son, Sylvester O. (Shirley) Nyhart, Leavenworth, KS, two daughters, Darlene "Sue" (Ron) Dorssom, Atchison, KS., and Victoria Louise "Vicki" (Rex) Pickering, Atchison, KS. a brother, Dan Potts, Emporia, KS., a sister, Rosalie Miller, Lenori, NC., nine grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. Her parents, both husbands, two brothers, Henry & Frank Potts, and ten sister's, Olive Haynes, Mentie Potts, Lottie Bangs, Gettie Repstine, Hazel Baumgart, Dorothy Sheldon, Floy Austin, Lucy, Barbara, and Nancy Potts

preceded her in death.