

formerly of Holton , KS



Nellie Naomi Collins, 99, formerly of Holton, passed away November 9, 2014 in Wichita, KS.

She was born December 13, 1914 in Mercier, Kansas the daughter of Oscar M. and Bessie E. (Teeter) Stewart. Nellie attended school in Horton and Morrill and was a graduate of Stewart's Beauty School in Topeka. On January 22, 1938, she married Elmer G. "Joe" Hartman. He preceded her in death on January 29, 1962. On December 18, 1964 she was united in marriage to Lt. Col. Robert S. Collins, Ret. The couple made their home in Goff until his death in 1984. Nellie then moved back to Holton.

Nellie held many memberships, including: Goff Chapter No. 43, Order of the Eastern Star-Goff (serving as Worthy Matron in 1970), charter member and past president of the Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1367, a life member of the Good Sam Camping Club and was a member of First Baptist Church in Holton.

She is survived by: her step-sons, Robert Collins, Jr. and Gordon Collins both of TX; a daughter-in-law, Jean Ann Hartman of Gulf Breeze, FL; her 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and many step-grandchildren and step great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands, Nellie was also preceded in death by; her son, Glenn Hartman, daughter, Sharon Hartman, her brothers, Harold, Leo and Eugene Stewart and one infant sister Helen Joyce Stewart.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 14, 2014 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery at Goff. The family will greet friends one hour prior to services beginning at 1:00 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Kansas Elks Training Center for the Handicapped, Inc. (KETCH) c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.