

Rural Hiawatha , KS

Lulu Fuhrman, of rural Hiawatha, surrounded by family, went to be with her Lord, March 14, 2017 at Vintage Park Assisted Living Apartments in Hiawatha. She was 81.

Lulu Marie Kleppe, was born June 19, 1935, near Everest, the oldest of four daughters born to Herman and Margaret Keeney Kleppe and was a lifelong Brown County resident. She graduated from Robinson High School then attended Highland Community College earning a teaching certificate before teaching at Corning, Kansas for two years.

Mrs. Fuhrman was a longtime member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Hiawatha; and the United Methodist Women of the Church where she had served as President. She served several years as laity to the annual conference for the UMC. At Trinity, she taught Sunday school, and had served on the Church board. She also was a member of the Modern 49's Extension Unit.

Lulu married George Fuhrman at the United Brethren Church, May 29, 1957. They farmed and raised livestock all of their married life near Hiawatha. He died October 29, 2015. She was also preceded in death by her parents, a sister Sarah Clemmons, and an infant son Gregory.

Survivors include her children: Roger Fuhrman (Kathy) of Aurora, IL, Vickie Walker (Andy) of Belleville, KS, Terry Fuhrman (Jennifer) of Hiawatha, Mary Wendt of Goodland, KS, Linda Young (Brian) of Belleville, 4 granddaughters, 4 grandsons, and two great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters: Twila Smith, Marylan Gibbs (Jim), both of Hiawatha; brother-in-law Bill Clemmons of Topeka; and Buster the cat of rural Hiawatha.

A Celebration of Lulu's life is planned for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 18, at Trinity United Methodist Church of Hiawatha with Reverend Kevin Rea officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hiawatha.

The family will meet friends from 6 until 8 Friday evening at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, Hiawatha.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Vintage Park Assisted Living, NEK Home Health and Hospice or Missy Newell Memorial Fund , which may be sent in care of the funeral home.

A special message or remembrance may be sent to the family at www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com