

Hiawatha, formerly of Sabetha , KS



Opal L. Smith, 83, of Hiawatha and formerly of Sabetha, Kansas died Thursday morning, April 12, 2018 at the Hiawatha Community Hospital.

She was born to Edward C. and Edna Mae Shaw Wardin on October 2, 1934 in Hiawatha, Kansas. She graduated from Hiawatha High School with the Class of 1953. She married J. Lee Smith in 1953 in Hiawatha, KS. They moved to Sabetha, Kansas and lived there for 55 years before she moved back to Hiawatha. He preceded her in death in 2005. She was a homemaker for several years before working for the Sabetha Community Hospital as a Medical Records Tech for 25 years.

Opal was a member of United Methodist Church in Sabetha before transferring her membership to First United Methodist Church in Hiawatha. She enjoyed sports, bingo, casino slots, and traveling. She was so proud of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Opal enjoyed going to as many events as possible of her kids, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother; Charles Wardin, sister; Eva Phillips, and a granddaughter Alli Faith Smith.

Survivors include her children; Steven (Susan) Smith of Jewett, TX, Terry (Pam) Smith of Hiawatha, KS, Anita (Ray) Dilla of Topeka, KS, Douglas (Debbie) Smith of Amarillo, TX, and Michael (Jamie) Smith of Kansas City, MO, sister; Margaret Tritsch of Hiawatha, KS, 9 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services are planned for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hiawatha. Pastor Nancy Tuma will officiate. Interment will follow at the Sabetha Cemetery in Sabetha, KS.

Friends may call the funeral home after 10 a.m Tuesday where the family will receive friends from 6:30p.m. – 8 p.m. that evening.

Memorials are suggested in her name to be designated at a later date and may be sent in care of

the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, 124 S 7th St. Hiawatha, KS 66434.

Online condolences may be made to www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com