

Seneca, KS

Clara Grace Strathman, 91, of Seneca, died on Wednesday August 21, 2019, at Life Care Center in Seneca.

Grace was born on September 12, 1927 on a farm south of Seneca to Frank and Bertha Lorson Block. She attended grade school at Blue Star Country School south of Seneca and went to high school at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Seneca, and graduated with the class of 1945. As a young girl she loved to take care of the farm animals and babysitting nieces and nephews.

After high school she moved to Denver to attend business school. She then moved back to Seneca and began working at the Nemaha County Welfare Office.

On November 11, 1950, Grace had the great fortune to marry Robert (Bob) Strathman at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Seneca. The couple raised five children and celebrated 68 ½ years of marriage. Grace enjoyed traveling with her Bob. She especially enjoyed spending time with her great grandchildren.

Grace was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and the St. Ann's Altar Society. She was preceded in death by her husband Bob (2019); her parents, Frank Block (1957), Bertha Block (1971), a grandson Keith Strathman (2007); and siblings, Francis Block, Helen Hammes, Alda Wassenburg, Alma Randall, Bea Fitzpatrick and Bill Block.

Grace is survived by her children, Richard Strathman of Seneca, Donald (Julie) Strathman of Seneca, Jean Stueve of Topeka, Ellen Rowland of Lee Summit, Mo, Max (Shyla) Strathman of Lawrence; and a nephew, Chris Strathman who held a special place in Bob and Grace's heart.

Rosaries will be prayed at 2 & 7 PM Friday, August 23, 2019 at Lauer Funeral Home in Seneca. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 AM Saturday, August 24, 2019 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Seneca. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials can be given in Grace's memory to Sts. Peter and Paul Church and or COINS for a Cause, and sent in care of the family.

To express your sympathy and for more information visit [www.lauerfuneralhome.com](http://www.lauerfuneralhome.com).