

Atchison, KS



Joyce Irene Kramer, 78, of Atchison, Kansas passed away November 1, 2019 at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Mass of Christian burial will be Friday, November 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Louis Church at Good Intent. Interment will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Rosary will be recited on Thursday, November 7th, at 6:00 p.m. with visitation to follow until 7:30 p.m. at the Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Louis Church Altar Society or Atchison Library and may be left in care of the funeral home. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.arenbergpruett.com.

Joyce was born on July 13, 1941, in Atchison, Kansas, the daughter of Emmett “Hap” and Irene (Kreider) Underwood. She attended St. Benedict’s and Sacred Heart Grade Schools and graduated from Mount St. Scholastica Academy. She attended Providence School of Nursing in Kansas City to become a Registered Nurse.

She and Alfred Ed Kramer were united in marriage on July 27, 1963, at St. Benedict’s Church in Atchison, Kansas. Alfred Ed preceded her in death on December 13, 2008.

Joyce was employed at the Atchison Hospital for forty-four years, where she served most recently as a Charge Nurse in the med surge department. She took a break from work to start and raise her family before returning to the hospital and eventually retiring in 2006, to be a caretaker for her husband. She then became instrumental in the family farm operations.

Joyce was a devout member of St. Louis Church and the church Altar Society; she loved her church. She enjoyed time spent doing yardwork and was especially talented with her flowers.

Survivors include her three sons, Tim (Sally) Kramer, Charlie (Susan) Kramer, Jeff (Sara) Kramer; a sister, Judy Watowa; a brother, Charles Underwood; eleven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hap and Irene; husband, Alfred Ed; and a son, Joey

Kramer.