

formerly of Reserve, KS

Norma Jean Armstrong, 93, formerly of Reserve, Kansas, passed away Thursday July 2, 2020 at the Medical Lodges Nursing Facility in Holton.

She was born July 12, 1926 in Louisburg, Kansas, one of four daughters born to Charles Simmonds and Hattie Marie Hansen. She grew up in Louisburg where she attended school.

Norma worked as a riveter in Kansas City during the war for a short time.

Norma married Merle V. "Buck" Armstrong, Sr on April 28, 1946 at Reserve. She was a stay at home mother, and it was very important to her to raise her family and take care of her husband. They lived in Topeka while Merle worked as an installer, and a lot of his work was with the AT&T tower south of Fairview, Kansas. The family eventually moved to Reserve in 1962 to make their home and help take care of elderly parents. Buck died February 6, 2010.

Norma was a member of Highland Park United Methodist church while they lived in Topeka, Kansas.

Norma was also preceded in death by her parents, a son, Merle Armstrong Jr., and two sisters Maxine and Thelma.

Survivors include two sons, Dennis Armstrong (Terri), Aiken, South Carolina, Gary Armstrong (Betsy) Tulsa, Oklahoma; a sister Charlene Fiedler (Dave) Holton; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service is planned for Tuesday, July 7 at 11:00 a.m. at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hiawatha. Burial will follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hiawatha.

Friends may call at the funeral home Monday from 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. The family will meet one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are suggested to St. Croix Hospice, and may be sent in care of the funeral home, located at 124 S. 7th, Hiawatha, KS 66434.

On-line condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com