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### Atchison Businesswoman Remembered

(KAIR)--A longtime Atchison businesswoman is being remembered following her death this week.

Nadine Messina was 90-years-old when she died Tuesday at Atchison's Vintage Park Nursing Center.

More commonly known as "Dee," Messina, and her longtime husband, Fred were well known throughout the Atchison community for the numerous businesses they established and operated over the course of many years.

According to her [obituary](#) from the Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home, she and her husband joined together in the operation of Atchison's Skyway Supermarket, and owned and operated Skyway Laundry, from 1964 until 1984.

The couple formed the Three "M" Development company and purchased a Wendy's Franchise, opening the restaurant in Atchison in 1984.

They also formed the Three "M" Investment Company, which led to the construction of the Atchison Comfort Inn Hotel. In 1991, they purchased the Atchison Motor Inn and operated those businesses for a number of years.

Fred Messina died in 1996, and Dee partnered with her son, Thomas, and the two built a Super 8 Hotel in Holton, which they operated until deciding to sell it.

A visitation for Dee Messina is planned for Saturday evening at the Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home in Atchison.

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