

Centralia , KS



The family of Elaine E. (Swanson) White, 4/18/1925 – 12/02/2020, will gather for a graveside service on April 17, 2021 at 2 pm at the Vermillion Cemetery. Following the service there will be light refreshments at the old Methodist Church in Vermillion. Due to the continuing Covid situation, masks are requested.

In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the church.

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Elaine Evelyn (Swanson) White was born April 18, 1925, Vilets, Kansas, in the Salem community to Arvid Conrad Swanson and Lydia Cynobia (Schuck) Swanson. She passed away Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at the Eastridge Nursing Facility in Centralia, KS. She graduated from Vermillion High School in 1943. After attending Washburn University for a short time she taught school at Victory school near Vilets. During the war, she worked at the Supply Depot making wooden boxes to ship airplane engines. She married Lawrence Arthur White on March 7, 1945 in Warsaw, Missouri, while he was on leave.

After Lawrence was discharged from the Army, they moved to a farm north and west of Vermillion where twins, Donna and Dorothy, were born in 1946. Dorothy did not survive. Later they moved to another farm directly north of Vermillion. While here Dennis (1950) and Dreda (1955) were born at the Seneca Hospital. They moved to Vermillion buying a home from Herbert Florence where they resided until 1997. Danny was born in 1964 at Seneca Hospital.

Elaine was always a busy person whether she was wallpapering with her friend, Hazel Stowell or cleaning homes for others during the early years. In the late 1950's she cooked homemade meals with her sister-in-law, Mabel White at Vermillion Grade/High School. In the late 1970's she worked at the Marysville Infirmary. Then she worked for 17 years at the Frankfort Care Home as a CNA. She retired moving to Wamego to care for her 2 youngest granddaughters, Samantha & Cheyenne. They lived in Abilene & Jetmore also. She moved back to Centralia in 2006 to senior housing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence; her daughter, Dorothy; her grandson, Justin Smith; her parents, Arvid and Lydia Swanson; her sister, Lillian Vasti; and brothers, Lloyd, Stanley and Wesley Swanson.

She is survived by her two daughters, Donna (Charley) Catron and Dreda (Terry) Smith; two sons, Dennis (Elaine) White and Danny (Debbie) White; eight grandchildren: Marc Catron, Jonas (Ashley) Smith, Jessica (Shawn) Schneider, Janell (Kerry) Crotinger, Sydney White, Andrew White, Samantha (John) Swank and Cheyenne White; 15 great grandchildren: Murphy Catron, Damon Smith, Haley Smith, Taya Smith, Creighton Smith, Isabella Smith, Daren Schneider, Samantha Jones, Jennifer Schneider, Amber Schneider, Meagan Smith, Jocelyn Smith, Lauren Crotinger, Brecken Crotinger, and Luci White, and two great-great grandchildren: Jacob Jones and Lindsey Jones; a sister-in-law, Jean Swanson, many nieces and nephews, and many friends also survive.