

Sabetha , KS

Patty Ann (Eaton) Lehwald, 82, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 3, 2021 surrounded by family at the Sabetha Manor in Sabetha, Kansas.

Patty was born in Carroll, Iowa to Halver "Hal" Eaton and Della (Davis) Eaton on January 18, 1939. She was united in marriage to Merlin Edward Lehwald, Sr. on April 30, 1960 in Audubon, Iowa. Merlin and Patty lived in Audubon and Nebraska before ultimately settling in Sabetha in 1977. Patty worked various jobs in the area over the years, with the most important ones being "mom" and "grandma." She loved her family very much and will be dearly missed.

In addition to her parents, and her husband, Patty was preceded in death by her brother, Donald Eaton, a daughter, Diane Herbst, of California, and infant grandson, Shannon Lehwald.

Patty is survived by her children; Cindy Meyer (Alan) of Sabetha, Debra Lehwald of Sabetha, Tamara Lehwald of Sabetha, Merlin "Butch" Lehwald, Jr. (Sue) of Lenexa, Kansas, and Douglas Lehwald (Heather) of Sabetha, her brother, Halver "Bill" Eaton, sister-in-law, Melba Musfeldt, sister-in-law, Ardella Petersen, and family friend/"daughter" Julie Burenheide. At the time of her passing, Patty had 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren in California, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, and Arizona.

Memorial services will be on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at the Popkess Mortuary in Sabetha. A family visitation will be held prior to the service starting at 9:30 a.m. until time of service at Popkess Mortuary. The inurnment will be in the Albany Cemetery north of Sabetha. Family and friends will meet at the First Lutheran Church in Sabetha for lunch after the services. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Lutheran Christian Preschool of Sabetha, Sabetha Caring Neighbors Cancer Fund, or the Sabetha VFW Post 7285 sent in care of the Popkess Mortuary, 823 Virginia, Sabetha, Kansas 66534. Online condolences can be left for the family at www.popkessmortuaries.com

A special thanks to the staff at the Sabetha Manor and the Sabetha Community Hospital for the care provided to Patty.