

Valley Falls, KS



Mary Frances Stevens, 84, of Valley Falls, KS, passed away Saturday, October 9, 2021 at Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka after a short battle with cancer. She was born July 20, 1937 in Topeka, KS, the daughter of Pete and Mae (Coleman) Zeller.

Mary graduated from rural Denison High School in 1955. She was a homemaker and the “Manager of the Family”. She was a dedicated and loving grandmother and great-grandmother. She was very proud of not missing functions that her family participated in.

She was a member of Valley Falls United Methodist Church, 15 year member of the Order of Eastern Star and 40 year member of Jefferson County Extension. She was life-long member of Jefferson County 4-H – earning State Home Economics Project Winner, Horticulture Superintendent for 4-H exhibits at the annual 4-H Fair developing skills for gardening and foods. Mary was a “Room Mom” for Valley Falls Elementary School.

Mary married Earl Dean Stevens on September 30, 1962 in Denison, KS. They celebrated over 59 years of marriage.

Survivors include her loving husband, Earl Stevens of the home; daughter, Susan Correll (Bill) of Valley Falls, KS; daughter-in-law, Mindy Stevens of Valley Falls, KS; brother, Fred Zeller (Lois) of Holton, KS; 6 grandchildren, Jacob Correll (Sam), Chelsey Davis (Stephen), Josh Stevens (Courtney), Morgan Stevens (Elijah), Jared Stevens (Lacey) and Brooklyn Correll and 7 great-grandchildren, Greysen, Oakleigh, MacKenzie, Gabe, Shea, Quinton and Emmett.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Pete and Mae Zeller and her son, James Dean Stevens on May 19, 2021.

Funeral Service will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 15, 2021 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Valley Falls. Burial will follow at the Valley Falls Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Jefferson County 4-H, Valley Falls United Methodist Church or Valley Falls FFA c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 6, Valley Falls, KS 66088. To leave a special message for the family,

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