

Holton, formerly of Netawaka, KS



Aletha I. (Bottenberg) Williams, 97, of Holton, KS, formerly of Netawaka, passed away Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at The Pines in Holton. She was born June 27, 1924 in Netawaka, KS, the daughter of Frank William and Carrie L. (Cochren) Bottenberg.

Aletha graduated from Netawaka High School in 1942. In the 1940's, she was a clerk for the Netawaka Post Office. Most of her life she was a homemaker and housewife and also a pianist for Jackson Heights High School for many years.

Aletha began playing the piano at the age of 10. By age 12, she was playing at her church. She was a wonderful musician, along with her children. She played and sang for churches, community activities, weddings and many funerals.

She was a member of Lakeview Faith Chapel and past member of St. Cecelia Music Club. She played the piano for the residents at Medicalodges Jackson County Nursing Home and Merry Manor Nursing Home for over 30 years.

Aletha married Wayne Henry Williams on April 29, 1944 in Whiting, KS; he preceded her in death on April 15, 1983. She was also preceded in death by her son, Darrell Williams and a brother, Charles Bottenberg.

Survivors include her daughter, Connie Bontrager (Roger) of Holton, KS; 3 sons, Dave Williams (Mary) of Netawaka, KS, Henry Williams (Marty) of Soldier, KS and Frank Williams (Sonya) of Netawaka, KS; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandson.

Funeral Service will be 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 13, 2022 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow at the Netawaka Cemetery. Family will greet friends one hour prior to service time. Memorials may be given to the Lakeview Faith Chapel or The Pines c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.