

Horton, KS



Loreen Lulu Winchell, 94 of Horton, Kansas, passed away peacefully following a day surrounded by her loving children and husband Sunday, July 3rd at Mosaic Life Care, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Loreen was born to Jay Lewis and Lulu Maria (Mayberry) Hatter on February 10, 1928, in Concordia, Kansas. She grew up in Morrowville, Kansas alongside her beloved big sister Ellen Marie Aubert, who preceded her in death in 2020 at the age of 100. Loreen graduated from Morrowville High School in 1945. Having attended Normal School for teacher training during her senior year of high school, she was qualified and hired at the age of 17 to teach at Mount Pleasant, a one-room, all grades, country school in Washington County located on Highway 36. She spent three years teaching at Mount Pleasant. Loreen and Donald E. Winchell were wed on June 22, 1947, at the Morrowville Christian Church, Morrowville, Kansas.

Following Don's completion of Barber College, they made their home in Horton, Kansas. In July 1948 they welcomed their first daughter into the world. Their family tree continued to grow, and over the years they were blessed with five children.

Loreen was a proud and loving mother and homemaker. She was an active member of the First Christian Church of Horton, Kansas. She participated in the Christian Women's Fellowship group (CWF) and also served as the church clerk for many years. She could often be found tending to her vegetable gardens or her flower beds and she spent many hours on the front porch, swinging and engaging in long conversations with family and friends. A dedicated wife and mother, her joy came from making sure her family was well taken care of and her house was a loving home where traditions became memories, and a legacy was forged.

Loreen is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 75 years, Don of Horton, Kansas.

She is preceded in death by her eldest daughter Sandra Sue (Rick) Streeter.

She is survived by four children Donald Jay (Vicki) Winchell of Crooks, South Dakota, Peggy Jo (Dwayne) Blanton of Valley Falls, Kansas, Kathy Lynn (the late Alan) Ford of Topeka, Kansas, and Kristin Marie (John) May of Lake Ozark, Missouri. Loreen's legacy also includes 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services are planned for Saturday, July 9, 2022, at the First Christian Church, Horton, Kansas with visitation at 9:30 AM and funeral service at 10:30 AM.

Memorials can be made in Loreen's honor to the First Christian Church of Horton, Kansas. A special message may be sent to the family at www.dishon-maple-chaney.com