

Atchison, KS

Barbara Jean Brown, 85, of Atchison, KS, passed away Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at Amberwell Atchison.

Memorial service will be 11:00 AM, Saturday, December 3, 2022, at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home, Atchison, KS, with Rev. Craig Lantz officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memory Garden, Atchison, KS. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to St. Mark- Lutheran Church and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at

www.beckerdyer.com.

Jean was born August 7, 1937, in Atchison, KS, the daughter of Harry and Margaret (Matthias) Clark. She attended Shannon Grade School and graduated from ACCHS in 1955. Immediately following graduation, she went to work for John Buehler, attorney at law. Jean later moved to Topeka for a brief time working for an insurance company. In 1960 she began working for Blish Mize Silliman. She left Blish Mize in 1969, returning part time in 1970 and back fulltime in 1976. She worked there until her retirement in 1999.

Jean married Dewey Harold Brown on August 14, 1955, at St. Mark- Lutheran Church, where she was a lifelong member. Over the years she served as Superintendent of the Junior Department, President of WELCA group, interim office worker, church council and financial secretary for the church. Jean held a private pilot license and enjoyed flying with Dewey who also held a private pilot license. With friends they would make many long and short trips. She enjoyed crocheting, quilting, and cooking many delicious dinners for her family.

Survivors include a daughter, Dianne (Pat) Knowles, Atchison; three grandchildren, Kathryn (Blake) Woolbright, San Francisco, CA; Jennifer (Josh) Stolz of Blair, NE; and Jason Knowles, Atchison; one step-grandson, Patrick G. Knowles, Holt, MO, two great grandchildren, Isabella and Leo Stolz, one step-great grandson, Deegan Knowles, one former daughter-in-law, Rebecca Naylor, Olathe; and several nieces and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Harry William "Bill" Clark, a sister Dorcas Clark Low and a son William Harold Brown.