



Helen Marie Gaschen

January 29, 1934 - November 11, 2019

Helen Marie Gaschen, 84, of Perry, died Monday, November 11, 2019 at Midland Hospice in Topeka. She was born January 29, 1934 at Booneville, MO, the daughter of Ray Henry and Lena Zeller Vanderhoof. She was a 1950 graduate of Bishop Lillis High School in Kansas City, MO. She was employed 39 years for Westar Energy Company in Topeka as a manager of EEO, affirmative action and employment, retiring in 1992. She was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church, American Legion Aux. Unit #142, both in Perry, Kansas Prairie Quilter's Guild, Friends of Jefferson County Hospice and the YMCA Water Aerobics club. She was married to Robert L. "Bob" Gaschen on October 22, 1955 at Kansas City, MO, he preceded her in death December 16, 2010. Survivors include one son, James (Susan) Gaschen, Meriden, one daughter, Bridget (Richard Manion) Debus, Meriden, seven grandchildren, one step-grandson, one great-grandchild and four step great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by six sisters and one brother.

A Memorial Mass will be 10:30 AM, Saturday, November 16, 2019 at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Perry. Visitation before Mass, 9:30 to 10:15 AM, Saturday with rosary recitation at 10:15 AM. Cremation care is planned. Inurnment will be at a later date at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Kansas City, MO, Memorials suggested to Jefferson County Friends of Hospice or to St. Theresa Catholic Church in care of Barnett Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 602, Oskaloosa, KS, 66066. www.barnettfamilyfh.com