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Patricia Clawson McMurray

JEWELL---Patricia Clawson was born November 19, 1930 to Ray and Beulah Hutchens Clawson at their home outside of Randall , Kansas . She departed this life March 31, 2016 at the age of 84. She was preceded in death by her parents Ray and Beulah, Ray and Beulah's infant children Delphine and Jack, her brother Jim, sister Martha Jean, daughter Janie, and in 2012, husband Gerald.

Patty, as she was known, met and married Gerald McMurray in 1949 and they lived and farmed south of Jewell, KS . She was employed at the County Treasurers office and helped Gerald at their farm. They spent many happy days there building a community that lasted through their lifetimes. They moved to town in 1961 and began a new chapter of life as a family with children with the birth of their daughters, Lori and Janie. Patty was a lifetime member of Order of Eastern Star, Naomi #28, and a member of American Legion Auxiliary. She also enjoyed several years of employment as the high school secretary in Jewell.

Gerald and Patty moved their family back to the farm in 1977. She spent her time collecting antiques, still helping around the farm and from 1983 on enjoying the blessing of having her grandchildren a large part of her life.

Patty is survived by her daughter Lori and husband Steve Howell, Jewell, KS, sister Dawna Green of Randall, KS, sister-in-law Joy Hake of Earlville, IL. Grandchildren, Jacob Birdsell and wife Karissa and Morgan of Bayfield, CO, Sarah Molzahn and husband James, Addison, Conner, and Jenna of Agra, KS, Derek Birdsell, Jewell, KS, Nicolas Birdsell, Manhattan, KS, Ian Birdsell, Jewell, KS, and Destin McMurray, Kansas City, MO.

Visitation will be Monday, April 4 from 4 to 7 pm at Kleppinger Funeral Home, 409 Broadway, Jewell , KS . Services will be Tuesday, April 5 at 10:30 am at Jewell Christian Church with internment to follow. Memorials may be made to Solomon Valley Hospice.

May God grant you always.....
A sunbeam to warm you,
A moonbeam to charm you,
A sheltering Angel so nothing can harm you.

Laughter to cheer you.
Faithful friends near you.
And whenever you pray,
Heaven to hear you."

---An Irish Blessing