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Rose Marie (Gano) Kleppinger – Jewell, KS

Rose Marie (Gano) Kleppinger, daughter of Elmer E. and Clara M. (Ninemire) Gano, born May 29, 1927 at Graham County, KS and died April 12, 2012 at Republic County Long Term Care facility at the age of 84 years, 10 months and 14 days.

Rose grew up on a farm southwest of Hill City in Graham County, KS where she attended a one room Miller School house.

Rose married Clyde D. Kleppinger on October 7, 1951 at Jewell Assembly of God Church in Jewell, KS. To this union two children were born, Edwin E. and Joyce E. The couple lived on the family farm west of Jewell, KS where Rose supported her husband in farming. While milking, she would teach Bible stories to her children. Rose was actively involved in PTA and church activities, where she taught Sunday school and played piano. She also sold Tupperware.

After assisting with ambulance service for several years, both Rose and Clyde became licensed Funeral Directors and began the Kleppinger Funeral Home in town. They compassionately served together for many years; Rose continuing until retirement in 2004, serving 35 years. She then moved to Belleville, KS to be close to her family.

Rose enjoyed time with her children and family, taking yearly vacations and church camps in western KS. She continued telling Bible stories to the grandchildren that helped to pass time on a long trip. Even though Rose maintained that she did not like to cook, her family enjoyed special recipes like chocolate zucchini sheet cake, fresh homemade donuts, cathedral salad and pies with whole wheat crust.

Rose accepted Jesus as Savior at an early age and was a lifelong server and worshipper of her Lord. She exemplified the spirit formed, spirit filled and spirit led life. Even in the nursing home, Rose was seen praying for others.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents, husband Clyde and sister, Norma. Survivors include; children, Edwin and Glenda Kleppinger of Liberty, MO; Joyce (Kleppinger) Ball of Belleville, KS; 3 grandchildren, Joel and Wendi Kleppinger of Austin, TX; Christine (Kleppinger) and Cary Nelson of San Antonio, TX and Gloria "Kristel" (Ball) and Ryan Jeardoe of Belleville, KS; and 2 great granddaughters Alyssa and Makayla Nelson, San Antonio, TX.

The visitation will be Sunday, April 15. Family will receive guests 2-5pm at Kleppinger Funeral Home, 409 Broadway, Jewell, KS. Funeral service will be Monday, April 16, 10:00 a.m. at Jewell Trinity United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be given to Gideon International or Kansas District Council Woodston Camp. Burial will be in Jewell Cemetery.