



Venita A. Francis

March 18, 1925 - February 22, 2008

Venita A. Francis, 82, of Topeka, passed away Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008 after a long battle with breast cancer. She was born March 18, 1925 in Topeka, the daughter of Verne W. and Minnie L. Stafford Bowman. Venita was a 1945 graduate of Burlington High School. She moved to California in 1946, returning to Topeka in 1965. She worked as a printer for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, retiring as a printer for the Topeka Police Department. Venita was fond of knitting, sewing, gardening and cooking, but especially enjoyed spending time with her family. She was very active in the lives of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She married Charles W. Francis in 1946. They later divorced and he preceded her in death in 1997. She was also preceded in death by her siblings; brother Warren V. Bowman, twin sister, Veneva A. Courtney and sister Cora Mae Bowen. Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn Anderson and husband Robert, Catherine A. Francis and Robert F. Banta, all of Topeka; a son Calvin W. Francis and his wife Shelia of Springfield, MO; three grandchildren, Desiree Boykin and husband Jason of Republic, MO, Warren Anderson and wife Lori of Hopewell, IL and Becca Meier and husband Eric of Topeka and five great grandchildren, Tristen and Kyle Boykin, Loren Anderson, Jett and Ellie Meier. In keeping with her wishes, cremation is planned. A celebration of Venita's life will be held at 1:00 pm, Friday, Feb. 22 at the Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW. Urish Rd, Topeka, KS 66614, with inurnment to follow in the Grantville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Heart of America Hospice or Plaza

West Regional Health Center and sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



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