



## Virginia Sue Francis

November 19, 1920 - November 24, 2017

Virginia Sue Francis, 97, Topeka, passed away Friday, November 24, 2017.

Sue was born November 19, 1920, in Normal, Illinois, the daughter of Thomas and Lydia Snyder Freedlund. On January 14, 1946, Sue and Eugene Nelson Francis were united in marriage, enjoying over 64 years together. He passed away July 2, 2010.

When her children were young, Sue went back to school to earn her bachelor's degree from Northwest Missouri State University and her master's degree from Kansas State University. Sue began her teaching career at Lafayette High School in St. Joseph, Missouri and then at Garden City High School in Garden City, Kansas, retiring in the mid-70s. She still helped students by tutoring reading and teaching English as a second language after moving to Manhattan, Kansas.

Sue served as a lay minister at her church in Manhattan and when she and Gene moved to Topeka in 1997 they became members at Crestview United Methodist Church. She was a member of the DAR and the PEO sisterhood.

Sue's survivors include her sons, Eugene N. Francis, Jr. and Kent Francis (Judy); her daughter, Karen S. Sexton (Juan); grandchildren, Joshua DeVader, Jessica Hodges (Daniel), Scott Sexton (Wendy), James Sexton

(Brook) and Ian Sexton; 16 great-grandchildren; and her siblings Barbara Pierpoint, Sun City AZ and Rogers Freedlund, Bloomington IL. Sue was also preceded in death by her great-grandson, Nicholas DeVader and a brother, Thomas Freedlund.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Chapel at First United Methodist Church, 600 SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka KS 66603, where family will greet friends one hour prior to service. Inurnment will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library and the Good Samaritan Fund at Aldersgate Village, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church and Chapel  
600 SW Topeka Blvd  
Topeka, KS 66603

## Memorial Service

NOV **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Sue Francis*

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