

Frances Marian Curless, 88, of Osage Beach, Missouri, passed away Thursday, June 19, 2003, at the Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach, Missouri. Mrs. Curless was born October 15, 1914, in Golden City, Missouri, the eighth of nine children born to Jacob Waters Kentner and Alda Shepler Kentner. She was a lifelong Methodist. She graduated from Golden City High School in 1931, and graduated with honors with a degree in education from Southwest Missouri State Teachers College, now known as Southwest Missouri State University, in Springfield, Missouri. After teaching for a year in a one room country school near Golden City, she accepted a position teaching high school mathematics in Liberal, Missouri. While living in Liberal, she met Charles V. Curless, whom she married on February 26, 1938, in Girard, Kansas. In 1945, the family moved to Hiawatha, Kansas, where she was a homemaker until she returned to teaching in 1961. She taught sixth grade at Powhattan, Kansas, until 1966 then taught junior high mathematics in the Hiawatha school district until her retirement in 1976. She and her husband enjoyed traveling in all forty-eight continental states and Canada, often towing their travel trailer. They moved to the Lake of the Ozarks in 1976, creating a haven for visits from their family and friends. When Mr. Curless passed away in 1997, they had enjoyed 59 wonderful years together.

She is survived by one son: Charles V. Curless and wife Lenni of Granby, Colorado; three daughters: Carole Hawk and husband Clarence of Osage Beach, Missouri; Gay Breunig and husband Bill of Wayne, Pennsylvania; Cathy Curless of Lawrence, Kansas; five grandsons: Sean Curless and wife Tiffany of Littleton, Colorado; Christopher Curless of Lakewood, Colorado; Chad Hawk and wife April, Osage Beach, Missouri; Fred Breunig of Boulder, Colorado; John Breunig of Wayne, Pennsylvania; two granddaughters: Kim Rivers and husband Kenn of Spanaway, Washington; Amy Hawk and husband Jeff Gurley of Osage Beach, Missouri; step grandchildren: Bree Williams of Lawrence, Kansas; David DiEdwardo of Fairfield, Connecticut; great grandchildren: Brittany Grant; Kyle, Dartian and Brianna Rivers; Caitlyn and Caden Hawk; Asher Curless; and Caitlin Williams; one sister: Doris McCall of Golden City, Missouri; sister-in-law: Betty Kentner of Golden City, Missouri; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles; parents: Jacob and Alda Kentner; brothers: Lynn, Elbert, Delmar, Eugene and Max Kentner; sisters: Beatrice Carr and Elizabeth Stratton; and one grandson, David Hawk.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the KU Endowment Association in support of the Frances M. and Charles V. Curless Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 928, Lawrence, Kansas 66044-0928, or the Cardiac Unit of the Lake Regional Health System, Osage Beach, Missouri, or to a cause of the donor's choice.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Frances Marian Curless

88 Years, 8 Months, 4 Days

Age
Born
October 15, 1914
Golden City, Missouri

Passed Away
June 19, 2003
Osage Beach, Missouri

Funeral Services
Sunday, June 29, 2003
2:00 p.m.
Lake Chapel
Hedges Funeral Home
Osage Beach, Missouri

Officiating
Rev. Marc Magana

Interment
Lake Memorial Garden
Osage Beach, Missouri