



Kathryn Hollopeter

August 26, 1918 - May 31, 2014

MRS. KATHRYN HOLLOPETER

Kathryn (Sark) Hollopeter, 95, a longtime resident of the Caney- Copan area passed away May 31 at the Guest Home Estates in Caney, where she had resided for the past 4 years.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday June 4, 2014 in the Caney United Methodist Church, officiated by Pastor Bob Clemence. After refreshments at the Church, final committal rites will given to her at about 3:30 in the Dewey Cemetery under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

Kathryn was born August 26, 1918 in Bartlesville to Elmer J. and Margaret (Gallogly) Sark. Her family lived in several locations with Phillips Petroleum during her childhood before returning to Bartlesville, where she completed her schooling and graduated with the Bartlesville High School class of 1936. In the spring of 1941 she realized her childhood dream of becoming a registered nurse by graduating from the Hertzler Clinic and Hospital in Halstead Kansas.

Kathryn began a great adventure of her life when she traveled by train and ship to Anchorage, Alaska to marry the love of her life, Ernest Hollopeter, on August 24, 1941. Kathryn was evacuated because of the war, but returned

and gave birth to Lois in Anchorage in 1943, later came Scott in 1947 and after 8 years Kathryn and her family left Alaska in a one ton Dodge truck down the newly built Alcan highway, arriving back in Oklahoma 17 days and 4,263 miles later on September 23, 1949.

Shortly after returning to Oklahoma, Kathryn and Ernest moved to their farm/ranch in Cotton Valley, northern Washington County where they would raise their family and spend their lives. Kathryn made a warm home, was active with 4-H club and home demonstration club and in 1960 restarted her nursing career at the old and then the new Caney hospitals. She was a member of the Athenian club in Dewey, the RN club of Caney, the Methodist Churches in Copan and Caney, and a lifetime member of the Eastern Star in Montgomery county. Kathryn was a Cowboy fan, especially the Tom Landry Dallas Cowboys, who she traveled to see many times with her girlfriends and was always a big OSU Cowboy fan. A letter from Tom Landry and a phone call with Keiton Page were highlights.

Kathryn had many close friends and admirers throughout her life because of her kind and gentle heart and her positive upbeat personality. One of her favorite quotes was "to have a friend you must be a friend" and that meant thinking of other people's needs, serving and caring for others; that is how she lived her life, personally as well as professionally as a nurse, and why others always enjoyed her company. Everything was always the best with Kathryn; she would tell you that the workers and staff at Guest Home Estates made it the best place in the world to live; and that she had the best life anyone could have because she had the best family and friends.

A memorial has been established in her name at the Caney United Methodist Church; those wishing to contribute may do so in care of the Church office, 114 N High Street, Caney, Kansas 67333.

Survivors include one son, Scott and his wife Gulya Hollopeter of rural Copan; her daughter, Lois and husband, Bob Ballard of Duncan, Oklahoma; 5 grandchildren, Lance Ballard and Shawn, Tess, Elena and Leeza Hollopeter, and one great grandson, Preston Ballard; many friends and other relatives.

Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org.

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Tribute Wall

DS

“Kathryn was always such a sweet lady she was part of my family through marriage many times removed but I grew up seeing her a lot. She always remembered me and asked about everyone we knew such a sharp mind. Prayers for Scott and all the family

Debbie Smith - June 04, 2025 at 05:19 PM



“Kathryn Hollopeter

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“Kathryn Hollopeter

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM

JB

“As a young nurse arriving in Havana, Ks from MO. in 1971, with 2 small boys and a desire to remain in nursing, Kate was so welcoming and helpful to me at the Caney Hospital. I remember her great personality and smile.

Jeanne Blasi - June 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“Kate was such a good friend to my mother, Margaret Medlen, and with Kate's passing, the kitchen table in Heaven that Mom and her friends sit is now full. May God Bless Them All.
.....The Medlen Family

Sally Bishop - June 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Dear Hollopeter family, Several years ago Kathryn invited Mr. Joe Todd and I to her home north of Dewey to donate her father's collection of postcards to the Bartlesville Area History Museum. Elmer Sark was an amazing area historian and photographer. Many people know of the famed Frank Griggs but Mr. Elmer Sark took photos of every day life that Griggs didn't cover. When I compiled the book about the Dewey Roundup, Elmer Sark's photos were a key part of the book. I had the opportunity to take a wonderful photo of Kathryn at the Washington County Senior Citizen Center in Dewey. She was happy and smiling from ear to ear. I will remember her as she was that day. So full of life. But she will be missed. Debbie Neece, Bartlesville Area History Museum.

Debbie Neece - June 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Mrs Hollopeter was always so good to me and always a positive influence. My prayers are with all the family and friends.

Jeff Lowry - June 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ The Staff at Stumpff Funeral Home wishes to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends. We hope that everyone shares a favorite memory and that this memorial brings the life experiences shared with Kathryn to the family and friends.

Stumpff Funeral Home - June 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM