



## Flora E. Erickson

July 15, 1926 - December 10, 2020

Flora E. Erickson, age 94, of Chanute passed away on Thursday December 10, 2020 at Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center. Flora was born on July 15, 1926 in Petrolia, KS the daughter of Earl and Mae (Larson) Edmonson.

Flora was a graduate of Oskaloosa High School class of 1944. On December 26, 1953 she married Kile K. Erickson. They were married 42 years. She and Kile lived in Chanute until Kile's retirement from the Santa Fe railroad. During their years in Chanute they raised a family of 5 children. Flora made numerous life long friends during her years in Chanute.

Flora worked as a legal secretary most of her life. She was an active member in the Chanute Chapter of Legal Secretaries until she and Kile moved to Northern California in 1978. While living there, she helped establish the Trinity County Chapter of Legal Secretaries. She made many life long friends during the 10 years that she and Kile lived there. The couple returned to Chanute in 1988 due to Kile's declining health. She worked at the Chanute Chamber of Commerce for 6 years before her retirement in 1994.

Flora was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, Chanute. She loved making people happy by baking their favorite sweet treats. She was also an active member of Chanute Friends of the Library serving as chair

person for the annual Valentine's Chocolate Sale fund raiser and the Chanute Senior Center serving as secretary for many years. In addition, she was a member of the American Legion Aux, VFW, NARVE. Flora liked to stay active and connected to people through organizations, community service, travel, playing cards and bingo, and going to casinos.

Flora was preceded in death by her parents, husband Kile, son Robert, grand son Tommy, and great grand daughter Bo Kathryn Mae, siblings George, Marilyn, Ellen, Eddie, and Jobe.

Flora is survived by children:

Gloria Phillips (Don) of Chanute

Rosemary Mitchell (Tom) of Thayer

Cindy Finley (Mike) of Chanute

Suzanne Woodard (Federico) of Chanute

12 Grandchildren, 25 Great Grandchildren, and 7 Great-great Grandchildren

Cremation has been requested. Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 15, 2021 from 5-7pm at the FUMC and a memorial service will be held on Friday, July 16 2021 at the First United Methodist Church, in Chanute at 10:00 am, with inurnment to follow at the Village Creek Cemetery. All are invited to lunch in Fellowship Hall directly after the inurnment. Memorials have been suggested to KICS (Kids in Christ Service) and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com)  
Services entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720

# Cemetery Details

## Village Creek Cemetery

Chanute, KS 66720

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church-Chanute  
202 S. Lincoln  
Chanute, KS 66720

## Memorial Service

JUL **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church-Chanute  
202 S. Lincoln  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Flora was the most outstanding Secretary I worked with over my entire career. She loved being an able assistant and her soft demeanor made it a pleasure to go to work every morning. Flora had incredible energy and cared deeply for her friends and family. She made me a better manager and I will hold her close to my heart forever.*

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**jeff shields** - January 22, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ *Flora was a wonderful loving lady, I really had gotten to know her thru the chamber of Commerce. Then our paths met again when she embrace her love and caring heart to my daughter Sandra M Klingensmith and her wonderful Grandson Nick Bright.. God brings special people in our lives for a reason.. I have no doubt we will meet again in heaven someday. You will be missed on earth but I know you have made you final destination. Marylin Shue*

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**Marylin Shue** - December 15, 2020 at 10:25 PM

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“ *Flora was such a lovely lady. Her daughters are a testimony to who she was. She will be missed by many.*

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**Bridget Fairchild** - December 15, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ *Flora was a wonderful lady who always took time to say hello to me no matter what she was doing. I enjoyed her very contagious smile and I will never forget it nor her. I just enjoyed every minute that I knew her because she was a very sweet, kind, loving soul. God bless anyone who could be around her because they were blessed by her presence.*

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**Tiffany Ribbeck** - December 14, 2020 at 07:59 PM

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“ *Rose & Family, Sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. Are thoughts & prayers are with you. Sue & Dan Clifford*



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**Sue & Dan Clifford** - December 14, 2020 at 07:55 PM