



## Sylvia Joyce (Downes) Stites

September 11, 1929 - July 18, 2020

Sylvia Joyce (Downes) Stites, age 90, passed away July 18, 2020 at Yates Center Health and Rehab, Yates Center, Kansas. She was born September 11, 1929 in Boone County, Arkansas to Lawrence Willis and Nellie Victoria (Valentine) Downes.

Sylvia married Jack Stites on September 11, 1945 in Boone County, Arkansas, and together they had 7 children. Sylvia spent her life as a homemaker and mother. Her passion was quilting, which she passed on to all of her daughters.

She is survived by her sons:

Herbert Stites of Mt. View, Arkansas

Bert Stites of Siren, Wisconsin

Ben Stites of Altoona, Kansas

Daughters:

Nellie Kobelt of Buffalo, Kansas

Jackie Day of Bella Vista, Arkansas

Martha Walker of El Dorado, Kansas

Brothers: David Downes, Grover Downes, and Ace Downes, all of Arkansas

13 Grandchildren

27 Great Grandchildren

7 Great-Great Grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jack; brother Bill; daughter, Sally; 3 grandsons, Kevin Cranor, Chad Harshman, Curtis Cranor; and granddaughter, Katherine Walker

Funeral service for Sylvia will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 1:00 PM at Countryside Funeral Home, 420 S. 20th, Fredonia, KS 66736.

Visitation will be at the funeral home for 1 hour prior to service.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association, or the American Cancer Society and can be mailed to or left with the funeral home.

Services entrusted to:

Countryside Funeral Home, 420 S. 20th, P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

# Cemetery Details

## Altoona Cemetery

N. Quincy St.  
Altoona, KS 66710

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 23. 1:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Fredonia  
420 S. 20th St.  
P.O. Box 247  
Fredonia, KS 66736  
(620) 378-2882

# Tribute Wall



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