Sandra L. Coover

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She married Donald P. "Don" Coover on July 22, 1977, at West Point Chapel in West Point, N.Y. He survives of the home.

She grew up and attended school in Newburgh, N.Y. She graduated from Newburgh Free Academy High School in 1970. She graduated from Mount Saint Mary's College in 1974 with a bachelor of arts in elementary education degree. She earned a master of science in elementary education degree from Kansas State University.

She taught at elementary schools in New York, South Korea, Texas, and Manhattan, Kan., before moving to the Galesburg area. She most recently taught at Thayer, Erie and St. Paul elementary schools.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Parsons and the Kansas Reading Association.

Additional survivors include four sisters, Allynne Lange of Newburgh, Laurie Reed and Julie Kent, both of Galesburg, and Tonie Augustin of Platte City, Mo.; three brothers, Bryan Coover of Galesburg, Kelly Coover of Galesburg, and David Coover of Erie; her father and his wife, Paula, of Galesburg; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, one aunt and one uncle.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church in Parsons with the Rev. Sharlyn Gates and the Rev. Jan Hayen officiating. Burial will be in St. Remy Cemetery near Kingston, N.Y., at a later date. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Carson-Wall Funeral Home in Parsons. Arrangements are under the direction of Carson-Wall Funeral Home.

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