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Rosemary Trucco

Rosemary Trucco, 79, of Pittsburg, died at 9:35 a.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at Cornerstone Village, in Pittsburg.

She was born Aug. 10, 1925 in Walnut, to Edward B. and Eulah Rose (Mudd) Carlos. She attended area schools. She went to Urseline Academy at Paola and St. Mary's College in Leavenworth. She later went to Julliard School of Music in New York City.

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She lived for 50 years in New York City. While in NYC she was an opera singer at the New York Center Opera retiring in 1957. She sang for a new opera by Aaron Copland "The Tender Land, which premiered in New York in April of 1954 with Rosemary in the starring role. She went on to work with the American Chamber Opera in Town Hall. She was also part of a Metropolitan Opera program that trained and worked with promising young singers.

She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Frontenac.

Survivors include her daughter, Elizabeth Kutz of Pittsburg; a son, Carlos Trucco of Santa Fe, N.M.; sisters, Marcella Schmidt of Kansas City, Mo., and Joani Schoenhofer of Wichita; four grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and god-children.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers and two sisters, ages three months to two years; and a sister, Betty Ann Melchori.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, a Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Frontenac with Fr. Robert McElwee as celebrant. Burial will follow in the St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Walnut. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m. on Friday at the Bath-Naylor Funeral Home, where a rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Friends may call the funeral home after 2 p.m. Friday. Condolences may be sent to admin@bathnaylor.kscoxmail.com.

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