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She was a graduate of Fort Scott High School in 1925, and was granted a B. S. degree in elementary education from Kansas State College of Pittsburg, now Pittsburg State University, in 1963.

She was an elementary school and junior high school teacher in Bourbon County and Fort Scott schools. She was also employed as a secretary in the School of Education until she retired in June of 1973.

She married Alton Bryan York in 1934, at Pittsburg. He preceded her in death on March 9, 1996.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Pittsburg since 1940, a member of the United Methodist Women, and Chapter 646 AARP.

Survivors include a son, William A. York of Chanute; a sister, Wilma Conard of California; a niece; and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by a brother.

Graveside funeral services will be at 3 p.m., Friday, at the Highland Park Cemetery, with Rev. Kathleen Owsley, of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow in the Highland Park Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 5 p.m. today, at the Brenner Mortuary Chapel to sign the register.

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