Obituaries

Elizabeth K. Bates

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She was born June 10, 1909, at Pittsburg, to Emil A. Ensman and Barbara Wenzinger Ensman. She attended St. Mary's Grade School at Pittsburg and then graduated from Pittsburg High School. She attended the Mt. Carmel Shool [stet] of Nursing, where she graduated in 1929. Following her schooling, she did private-duty nursing before joining Mercy Hospital in Independence, where she served many years as night supervisor.

She married Dr. Gerald C. Bates in 1948 at Fredonia.

Following her marriage, she resigned her position at the hospital and assisted [stet] her husband in his private practice until their retirement.

Mrs. Bates was a member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church at Independence and the Altar Society at the church. She also was a member of the Kansas State Nurses Association, District No.21 and American Nurses Association.

Survivors include two brothers, Edmund J. Ensman of Downey, Calif., and Leo M. Ensman of Emporia; three sisters, Cecilia G. Waggoner of Pittsburg, Dorothy L. Wickware of Lewisville, Texas, and Barbara J. McClaskey of Girard; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Marie A. Freisberg of Caney, and a brother, Wilfred F. Ensman of Everett, Wash.

Mass of Christian burial will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Andrew's, Catholic Church with the Rev. Kevin Trayers, pastor, officiating. Interment will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery at Independence. The rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Monday at the Potts Chapel. The casket has been closed, but friends may call to register at the Potts Chapel from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday.
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