Obituaries
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She graduated from Central High School in Kansas City, the Kansas City Art Institute, and the University of Missouri. She also attended Pittsburg State University.

She was a member of the Olive Chapter No. 13 Order of Eastern Star, the Order of Eastern Star Study Club, the White Shrine of Jerusalem, the Daughters of the Nile, the Amaranth, Pierian club, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, the AARP, the American Association of University Women, the Genealogical Society, the Bourbon County Arts Council, the Kansas City Friends of Art, the Christian Scientist Church and Mensa Society. She was the founder of the Survivors of Suicide Group.

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She was the last of her immediate family and is survived by two nieces; one nephew; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles R. Bennett; her parents; and two brothers, Charles F. and Andrew J. Donnell.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be conducted at a later date at the Konantz-Cheney Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Fort Scott National Cemetery.

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