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She attended Kansas State Teachers College, now Pittsburg State University, receiving her bachelor's in business and masters in education.

She worked for the Kansas Veterans Administration for more than 20 years. She began her teaching career at Girard Middle School, teaching English for eight years. She taught history and office education at Pittsburg High School from 1966 until her retirement in 1982.

She married Charley H. Clark on Aug. 8, 1942, at Kansas City, Mo. He preceded her in death on Dec. 12, 1984.

She was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, Retired Teachers, KNEA, United Methodist Women, was a member of the Kansas Teachers Credit Union advisor board. She was secretary of the fund drive that helped establish the current Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center. She was also involved with the Crawford County Genealogical Society.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth C. Clark of Ironton, Mo., and Stephen H. Clark of Osawatomie; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Alva and Lowell Laughlin; and three sisters, Ruby Brown, Janie Moore, and Dorothy Sharp.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, April 1, 2005, at the Brenner Mortuary, with her great-niece, Rev. Shelly McNaughton-Lawrence officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Olive Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Thursday, at the Brenner Mortuary Chapel, where friends may call after 9 a.m., Thursday, to sign the register book.

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