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She received her secretarial training at the Flint Hills Vocational Educational School, in Emporia. She moved to Pittsburg in 1967.

She worked several part-time jobs, most recently working at the Mall Deli as a cashier, for the past ten years.

She was a member of the College Heights United Methodist Church, where she was a former church board member, a member and past president of College Heights United Methodist Women, a member of Church Women United, the Christian Women's Club, the church choir, was a Sunday school teacher. She was also an active member of Peace Ways. She was a cake decorator.

Survivors include her mother, Dr. Helen Rogers, of Pittsburg.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dr. Eugene Gardner.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., today, at the College Heights United Methodist Church, with Rev. Ken Butts officiating. Following the service the body will be cremated.

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