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She spent her years as a school teacher in both Kansas and Missouri, and was also a clerk for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census for 20 years. She retired in 1979.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Pittsburg; the Little Balkans Quilt Guild; Mt. Carmel Auxiliary; N.A.R.F.E.; and the United Methodist Women.


She is survived by one daughter, Marilyn C. Shaw of Slidell, La.; one brother, Robert Elbe of North Carolina; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She is also preceded in death, by her parents; three brothers, Richard, Emil, and Arthur Elbe; seven sisters, Adelaide Kelly, Mathilda Lazarof, Natalia Lakey, Ester Hurrelbrink, Mary Hatton, Ruth Stude, and Ida Elbe; and one half-sister, Edna Schmidt.

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