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She had been a member of the First Christian Church, Pittsburg, since 1938.

Survivors include her son, Lee Watson of Glastonbury, Conn.; two stepdaughters, Violet Hutchins of Van Nuys, Calif., and Ruby Appling of Brandon, Fla.; two granddaughters, one step-grandson and two great-granddaughters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the First Christian Church with the Rev. Dr. Jim Ward officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Olive Cemetery. Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at Bath-Naylor Funeral Home, 522 S. Broadway. E-mails may be left at admin@bathnaylor.kscoxmail.com.

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