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She taught in a rural school in Barton County, Mo., for one year, before teaching at Webb City, Mo., in the elementary schools for eight years. After moving to Pittsburg, she taught in the USD 250 elementary schools, before becoming the fourth grade teacher at St. Mary's Elementary School. She taught at St. Mary's School from 1962 until she retired in 1980.

On December 22, 1945, she married Joseph Francis Schlee at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church at Pittsburg. They were later divorced in 1970.

She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, National Education Association, Missouri Parent Teacher Association, American Association of University Women, Extension Study Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, Crawford County Historical Society, St. Mary's Altar Society, and Legion of Mary. Mrs. Schlee served as treasurer of the Daughters of Isabella. She was also received into the Third Order Secular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Wichita, Kansas in May 1961 and professed her vows in August 1963. Mrs. Schlee also appeared in the 1975 edition of the Who's Who in Kansas.

Survivors include two sons, Charles J. Schlee of Kansas City, Mo., and Phillip F. Schlee of Manhattan; a daughter, Marsha A. Schlee of Paris, France; and two grandsons.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Foster E. Sandford and Richard I. Sandford; and a sister, Mabel M. Sandford.

Mass of Christian burial will be 10 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with Fr. Thomas Stroot as celebrant. Burial will be in the Mt. Olive Cemetery. A parish rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Brenner Mortuary Chapel, where the family will receive friends following. Friends may call after 3 p.m. Thursday at the Brenner Mortuary.

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