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She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Pittsburg State University.

She taught one year in Olathe and 39 years in Parsons. In Parsons, she had taught at the Garfield School, Lincoln School and St. Patrick's School. She was a reading specialist for many years.

She was a member of the St. Francis Catholic Church in St. Paul. She also belonged to the Parsons National Education Association and the state and national education associations.

Survivors include her mother, Gertrude Merewether of Prairie Mission Retirement Village; one brother, Bill Sheffer of Cherryvale; and three cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father and one brother, Kenneth W. Sheffer.

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