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She was born Nov. 22, 1915 in Pittsburg to Anton and Fortunata (Mott) Simion. She was a lifetime resident of Pittsburg. She graduated from Kansas State Teacher's College in Pittsburg with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and also a master's degree in elementary education and library science.

She was a teacher and librarian for 44 years before retiring in 1980.

She was a member of the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church of Pittsburg; Our Lady of Lourdes Altar Society; she was a volunteer Pink Lady at Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center; and a member of the Southeast Kansas Retired Teacher's Association.

Survivors include one brother, Anton Simion of Davidson, Mich.; and nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Domenick Simion and Frank Simion; and two sisters, Dorothy Simion and Katherine Cavanaugh.

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