Irene V. Sperry

PARSONS - Irene V. Sperry, 83, of Parsons, formerly of Altamont, died at 10:15 p.m. Sunday, June 12, 2005 at her home where she lived the past few months. She and her husband were the former owners of the Sperry Funeral Homes in Mound Valley, Altamont and Chetopa.

She was born Nov. 3, 1921 in Pierce City, Mo., to Mark A. Wilder and Okie M. (Shute) Wilder.

She lived in Mound Valley for a number of years and graduated from Mound Valley High School in 1939. She attended Kansas State Teachers College.

She taught in East Fairview and Inglish Schools in Labette County for a few years.

She married Lloyd C. Sperry on June 26, 1941 in Mound Valley. She became affiliated with her husband in the funeral business and held a Funeral Directors license. In 1956 they moved to Altamont where they lived until moving to Chetopa in 1974. Upon their retirement in 1982, they moved to Grove, Okla., and returned to Altamont in July 2000. He survives of the home.

She was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Parsons, and had been active in various parts of the church in Altamont and Grove. She sang in church choirs since the age of 9. She was a 50-year member of the Pursel Chapter No. 110, Order of Eastern Star in Columbus. While living in Altamont, she served as Worthy Matron and District Aide. She was also active in the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, serving as Mother Advisor and District Deputy and was a member of the Grand Cross of Colors. Upon her retirement to Grove, she was active in the Ladies Golf Association and various bridge clubs.

Additional survivors include one son, Charles Sperry of Topeka; two daughters, Cindy Rodman of Wichita, and Diane McConnell of Parsons; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Jackie Gilbaugh of Los Gatos, Calif., and JoAnn Howell of Midwest City, Okla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sara L. Craig.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. today at the Forbes-Hoffman Funeral Home with Rev. Peggy Hillmon and Rev. Tom Reazin officiating. Burial will be in the Mound Valley Cemetery.

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