Carolyn J. Elmore
March 12, 1934 - February 20, 2015

Carolyn J. Elmore, 80, of McPherson, passed away Friday, Feb. 20, 2015 while in the company family, at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita.

Carolyn was born in Sidney, Arkansas on March 12, 1934, daughter of Artus Reva (Brewer) and Edward Harrison Cole.

Carolyn attended the Sidney grade school, and graduated from Sidney High School, Sidney, Arkansas. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in home economics from the University of Arkansas and her master’s degree in education from Emporia State University in 1972, Emporia. She did post graduate work at Wichita University, Kansas State University, Texas State College for Women, McPherson College and Friends University.

She was a member of First Christian Church McPherson and through the years served in many capacities. Carolyn worked for the Kansas Agriculture Extension Service, was a homemaker and took great pride in providing for her family in this manner. She also was an instructor for Elmore and Voshell Tailoring Class and was a substitute teacher for USD 418, McPherson. As a substitute teacher, she had the unique position afforded her to integrate information into many subject areas. It was important to Carolyn to stay abreast of current information in several areas in order to provide knowledgeable assistance in fielding questions and imparting information to students. She was loved and appreciated by many students through the years.

Carolyn was a life member of the VFW Post 2715 Ladies Auxiliary and VFW National Home, NEA and KNEA, American Legion Post 24 Ladies Auxiliary, Charter member of the Quilt Guild, Kansas Federation of Women's Democratic Clubs, and life member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority and Phi Beta Phi sorority, McPherson Historical Society, McPherson County Rock and Mineral Club, Association of American Retired Persons, State County Chairs Association, Star 34 Club, Kansas Federated Women's Democratic Club, National Democratic Committee member, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, former member of the Professional Women's Association and A.A.U.W. She was an Honorary Lifetime Chairman of the McPherson County Democratic Party for her contributions to the organization, serving as its chair for about 25 years.

Carolyn was united in marriage to Bruce Paul Elmore on March 10, 1957 at the First Christian Church, McPherson.

Carolyn is survived by her husband Paul Elmore, of McPherson; her daughter Melinda Williams and her husband Kelly, of McPherson; her sister Jeanie Green and her husband Wilbur, of Jonesboro, Arkansas; her brother Max Cole, of Sydney, Arkansas; her grandson Aaron Williams, of McPherson; several nieces and nephews, other relatives, many of students, and friends.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, sister Martha Jo Detwilder, and granddaughter Courtney Nicole Williams.

Friends are invited to call on Friday, Feb. 27, 2015 from 6 to 8 p.m. at First Christian Church, McPherson. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015 at the First Christian Church, McPherson, with Pastor Lynn Scott officiating.

The final resting place will be at the McPherson Cemetery, McPherson.

Family request donations to First Christian Church or VFW National Home and they can be sent in care of the Glidden - Ediger Funeral Home; 222 West Euclid Street; McPherson, Kansas 67460.