



Margaret Pearl Nance

March 20, 1922 - February 28, 2015

Margaret “Pearl” Nance a long time resident of Excelsior Springs passed away February 28, 2015 at Valley Manor Care Center in Excelsior Springs. Pearl was born the first day of spring, March 20th, 1922 near Tatesville, MO to George and Effie Shelton.

While working at the Ball Clinic, Pearl met and married Donald D. Nance. They were married on December 12, 1951.

Pearl was a stay at home Mom until she ran for Excelsior Springs City Council and won the election in 1965. She served on the Council for two terms, being appointed as the first woman Mayor from 1973-1974. She was instrumental in construction of the Excelsior Springs Hospital and the Excelsior Springs Water Plant. Through her efforts and those that served with her on the City Council the city of Excelsior Springs was awarded the “All American City Award” in 1973.

While serving on the Excelsior Springs City Council she was awarded “Woman of the Year” by the Business and Professional Women’s Club of Excelsior Springs and Honorary member of the Kiwanis Club.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Don, daughter Gail (Proffitt) Vaughn, siblings Opal Bassett, Lindzie Shelton, Laveta Cooper, Carl Shelton, and Reta Greer.

She is survived by her daughter Debra Napier and husband Bernard, Grandson Jason, wife Michelle Napier, Grandson David, wife Mandy Proffitt, great grandchildren Caleb and Caden Napier, Bryn and Greysen Proffitt. She

is also survived by sister, Helen Laughlin, husband Paul Laughlin of Kearney and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at the Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church in Excelsior Springs, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Thursday March 5th, followed by a grave side service at Hillcrest Cemetery at approximately 11:15 AM.

Arrangements are through Cashatt and Polley Family Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions would be made to the Valley Manor Care Center Activity Fund.

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Pearl Nance*

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