Services were Oct. 6, at Simmons Chapel in Smith Center, with Rev. John Nelson conducting the servicce. Special music was by Mrs. Nelson and Carleen.

Burial was in Crystal Plains Cemetery. Pall bearers were Kenneth Eller, Dale Aldrich, Duane Allen, Garold Eller, Roy Lumpkin, and Gerald Burgess.

Esther Relihan Spent Career As an Educator

Esther Catherine Relihan, daughter and only child of Dr. Francis H. and Elizabeth Kinne Relihan, was born June 16, 1915 in Smith Center. She died Oct. 6, 1983, in Smith County Memorial Hospital.

She grew up in Smith Center, attending the local schools and graduating from Smith Center High School in 1933. She then entered Kansas State University and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1937. Later she returned to Kansas State and received her master's degree in 1950.

Education was her career. Chemistry was her field and she taught at Kansas State as a graduate assistant, in the high school in Scottsbluff, Neb., and in Omaha (Neb.) Central High School.

She was a devoted daughter and she left her teaching career to come home and care for her mother, who was critically ill. Her mother died in July 1962 and she remained at home to live with and make a home for her father, who preceded her in death in March 1982, thus gladly and willingly devoting more than 20 years of her life to her parents.

In the fall of 1982 she went to live at Bethesda Care Center in Smith Center. She was a resident there at the time of her death. She had been in failing health for several years after major surgery four years ago and she had been in the hospital several times for treatment and care prior to her death.

Esther Catherine maintained a positive attitude throughout her illness. She was cheerful, never complaining. She possessed a fortitude which sustained her during the almost overwhelming reverses of her physical well-being.

She was an intelligent woman, interested and well-informed, with an interest in happenings, both local and in the nation. For several years she took much interest in politics. She was an avid reader and hospital personnel told relatives that they had trouble finding enough books and magazines to satisfy her craving for the thoughts, the ideas, and the entertainment she sought from the printed page.

Esther Catherine was a lifelong member of the Congregational Church of Smith Center. She also was a member of the local chapter of the PEO.

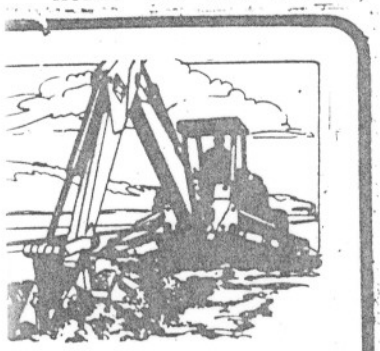
She was a sports fan with a surprising knowledge of standings, players, winning teams and other information about football, baseball and basketball.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She left no survivors in her immediate family but a host of cousins and other relatives.

Rev. Dale McCain officiated funeral services Oct. 8 at Simmons Chapel, Smith Center. Music was by Marcia Peterson, Nita Fulmer, Pam Overmiller, and Sharie Smith with Tricia McCain as accompanist.

Pall bearers were Cecil Smith, Royal Lattin, Gary Holmes and Robert O'Rourke. Burial was at Fairview Cemetery, Smith Center.



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Vander Plas Rites at Luctor

Marjorie Ann (Van Kooten) Vander Plas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Van Kooten, died Oct. 2, 1983, at Wichita at the age of 43 years. She was born Nov. 7, 1939, at Artesia, Calif.

At the age of 4 she, along with her family, moved to the Long Island community, where she grew up.

On June 26, 1959, she was united in marriage to Alfred Vander Plas. To this union one son and two daughters were born.

Marjorie was baptized in infancy and later made profession of her faith at Luctor Christian Reformed Church of Prairie View, where she had been a faithful member. Marjorie always gave freely of her time and talents. Being gifted with a beautiful singing voice, she sang in several church contatas, directed the Children's Sunday School choir and taught Sunday school for many years.

A devoted, loving wife and mother, she will be sadly missed by her husband Alfred; their son and wife, Terry and Teressa of Phillipsburg, and daughters Pam and Lana of the home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Van Kooten of Long Island; brothers Clifford and wife Helen, Kenneth and wife Doris, Roger and wife Sandra of Phillipsburg, and Bruce and wife Tammy of Colby; several uncles and aunts, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Marjorie long will be remembered for her vitality and willingness to give of herself for others. Upon completion of high school, she attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids, taught Christian school in Minnesota for two years, was a life member of the VFW Auxiliary, a member of Phillipsburg Chamber of Commerce, and a former member of Phillips County

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