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## **Ruth Saunders - 83**

*May 1, 1918 - Sept. 2, 2001*

**TOPEKA, KS** - Ruth M. Saunders was born Ruth White in Manilla, May 1, 1918. She attended two years of college, and was a first grade teacher in Knoxville.

She married George A. Saunders and became a homemaker. She returned to teaching in Harlan and taught for 12 more years. The couple lived in San Francisco, CA, Sante Fe, NM, Manilla, Harlan, Storm Lake and Brownsville, TX before settling in Topeka, KS in 1998 where they were near their daughter. She volunteered for numerous activities that ranged from being an aircraft spotter during WWII to working at I Care in Topeka. Never without a needlework project, she donated much of her handwork to children born in the hospitals where she volunteered her time. She died Sept. 2, 2001 at Midland Hospice House in Topeka, KS.

She is survived by her husband, George, Topeka, a daughter, Lois Dixon, Topeka, and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Sept. 8, 2001 at the Shawnee Heights United Methodist Church, Topeka, KS. A service will be held at Manilla at a later date.