

Audrey E. Binns, 90, died Sunday, May 26, 2013, at her home in Cottonwood Falls.

She was born Aug. 10, 1922, to Harvey Vernon and Mary Margaret Hall VanDyke, Audrey Ellen in Cleveland, Tenn.

She married Clifford LeRoy Binns Dec. 25, 1944, in Independence, Kan. He died April 7, 1984.

She graduated from The Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia on July 30, 1943, with a bachelor of science in education. She had a lifetime teaching certificate from the State of Kansas Department of Education.

She and Clifford LeRoy Binns were both teachers. They also managed a grain elevator business where she was the bookkeeper and, at one time, she and her mother owned and operated a boutique, VanDyke's Fashions.

She was a member of the Cottonwood Falls United Methodist Church (former member of the Hugoton United Methodist Church) and a member of BZ Chapter of PEO.

She was on the staff at the Wichita Eagle-Beacon during World War II. While attending college, she was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority.

She was a musician, an artist, and a seamstress, wrote poetry and book reviews which she presented for various community clubs and was a bookkeeper for several businesses. She read a variety of books, including historical fiction and mysteries. She was a KU fan and especially enjoyed watching KU basketball games.

She is survived by her son, Gregory Van Binns and wife, Debbie, Hutchinson; a daughter, Pamela Binns Wilson Palmer and husband, Leo, Strong City; a step-daughter, Kaye Binns Moore and husband, Jim, Christmas, Fla.; niece-daughter: Donna Scott Newsom, Lewis; four grandchildren: Whitney Wilson, Albany, N.Y., Lindsee Wilson, Kansas City, Mo., Kyle Binns, Overland Park, and Brad Binns, Hutchinson; two step-grandchildren: Lorraine Wilson Kellner, Bucklin, and Robert N. Wilson Jr., Elkhart; one great-grandchild, Alexia Jane Wilson, Albany; and two step great-grandchildren, Trey Kellner, Ames, Iowa, and Macee Kellner, Chadron, Neb.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Clifford Binns; and her son-in-law, Robert N. Wilson, Sr.

- A celebration of life graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hugoton Cemetery, with co-officiants, the Rev. Harry Cross and the Rev. Kim Shank.

There will be an informal visitation from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Hugoton United Methodist Church.

Memorials are suggested to the Chase County Senior Center may be sent in care of the Brown-Bennett-Alexander Funeral Home, 201 Cherry, Cottonwood Falls, KS. 66845.

Messages/condolences may be left for the family at www.brown-bennett-alexander.com.