

HUGOTON – Leona A. (Stolz) Tate, 96, died Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013, at her home in Hugoton.

She was born Feb. 20, 1917, on a farm in Roberts County, near Sisseton, S.D.

She married James R. Tate Oct. 14, 1946, in Clovis, N.M.

She graduated from Sisseton High School in 1933. She graduated from Peabody School of Nursing in Webster, S.D, June of 1938.

She worked in numerous hospitals in Illinois, Texas and Kansas from 1938 until 1968. From 1968 through 1984, she served as the school nurse for USD 210 Hugoton.

She was a lifelong member of St. Helen Catholic Church in Hugoton.

Her passions included her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, her faith, nursing, service to others less fortunate, traveling, reading, gardening, exercise and watching all sports, but especially tennis.

She is survived by sons, Michael Tate and his wife, Karla, Santa Fe, N.M, Wayne Tate, Hugoton, Stephen Tate, Corpus Christi, Texas; daughter, Theresa Gerrond and her husband, Clayton, Hugoton; one stepdaughter, Pat Tate, Clinton, Okla.; nine grandchildren, Ashley Tate and her husband, Jeremy Davies, Jordan Severt and her husband, Joshua, Skylar Gerrond and his wife, Julia, Sarah Kitzke and her husband, Paul, Shelby Martin and her husband, Will, Sterling Gerrond, Dustin Tate, Shea Tate and Ryan Tate; and seven great-grandchildren, Tucker Martin, Cole Martin, Ella Martin, Riggs Martin, Isaac Martin, Aleia Tate and Chloe Tate. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and 10 brothers and sisters.

• Rosary service will be at 7 p.m. today.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Helen Catholic Church in Hugoton with Father Francis Khoi Nguyen presiding.

Memorial are suggested to the Pheasant Heaven Charities or Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation both in care of Garnand Funeral Home, 423 S Main, Hugoton, KS 67951.