

Virginia Belt, 83

May 19, 1917 – Jan. 30, 2001

KANSAS CITY, MO – Virginia D. Belt was born May 19, 1917, in Council Bluffs, daughter of Rullen and Vada Eldora Halladay Niefert. The same year she was adopted by Eli and Ruth Thompson Lewis. She was educated in Harlan and was a graduate of Avoca High School. After attending Iowa State Teachers College, she worked in California during WWII.

April 19, 1946, she married Charles Wilson Belt, Sr., and to that union one child was born, David C. Belt. In 1965, she began work at Missouri State Mental Hospital #2 in St. Joseph, first as a hospital assistant and then in the Remotivation Department. She retired in 1980 and moved to Union Star, MO. In 1981 she entered the Course of Study program at Saint Paul School of Theology and became the Pastor at the Mercer Circuit of the United Methodist Church. In 1986, she retired from the local parish ministry. Since 1994, she has been a resident of Kansas City, with the last four years at Bishop Spencer Place. She died Jan. 30, 2001, at Bishop Spencer Place at age 83.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. David C. (Barbara) Belt, Parkville, MO; grandchildren, Rachael Morris, Jefferson City, MO; Aaron Belt, Hawaii; Stacy Joyce, Tracy, CA; and Steven Joyce, St. Louis, MO and great grandchildren, Hayley and Jacob Morris, Jefferson City, MO.

Funeral services were held Feb. 2, 2001 at Trinity United Methodist Church, Kansas City, MO. Burial was held Feb. 3, 2001, at the Harlan Cemetery. McGilley Midtown Chapel, Kansas City, MO, in charge of arrangements.