



Treva Pitka of Atlantic passed away February 5 at Heritage House in Atlantic.

Treva Eileen (Hicks) Pitka was born on her grandfather's country home near Eldora Springs, MO, August 10, 1920, to James McKinley and Ceatta (Huff) Hicks. She was graduated from Montezuma Consolidate High School in 1938. After graduation she worked for two and a half years in the R.W. Boyd Law office to help support the family; her father was killed in a jalopy race when she was 18.

On April, 1941 she married William (Bill) Legion Pitka in Brownwood, TX where he was stationed in the Army base during WWII.

A great memory she shared with generations, was shooting a Thompson Submachine Gun across the Rio Grande River while Bill was patrolling the border at night.

After the war, Treva and Bill returned to Montezuma to raise their four children, Ceatta, Melody, William F. (Bill) and Harold James (Jim). During that time Treva worked for her sister, Hazel Sig, at Sig Manufacturing Company.

In 1956 the family moved to Grundy Center and in 1957 they moved to Atlantic, where Treva lived the rest of her life.

In 1960 Treva returned to work to help support her family and send her children to college. She worked for over 50 years for the Friday family, beginning with Publisher's News and ending with her retirement when she was 90.

Treva was very thankful for the wonderful people and services available in Atlantic, as well as family members who helped her live at home in her later years. She was also proud of and thankful her loving family, friends who made phone calls, visited often, especially on her birthday and Christmas, and helped with upkeep of her property, which allowed her to stay in her home through her 100th birthday.

She is survived by her sister, Hazel Sigafoose of Montezuma; sister-in-laws Edith Peters, AZ and Della Hicks, WA; daughter, Melody Winter, MN; son William of VA; six grandchildren: Ryan (Susan) Pellet, NE; Rick (Rina) Mann, GA; Beth (Jon) Salesberry, An-

keny; Aaron (Dawn) Pellett, MN; William Pitka, Coralville; Angela (Ike) Peterson, SD and ten great grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded by her husband in death, William, son James, daughter, Ceatta Mann, daughter-in-law Ann Pitka; parents and brothers Mearle Grant Hicks and Harold James Hicks and many other relatives during her 100 years.