



Maxine Gates

January 1, 1927 - February 2, 2021

Frances Maxine Gates, age 94, passed away on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center. Maxine was born on January 1, 1927 in Burlington, Kansas the daughter of Jacob A. Decker and Catherine Dempsey Decker.

She was united in marriage to Floyd E. Gates on June 2, 1947 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Chanute, Kansas. Maxine and Floyd were married for over 60 years until his death on October 2, 2007. Maxine's life's work was taking care of their home and raising their family.

A member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Maxine volunteered as much time as she could to the church. She also worked part time at Truitt's Florist Shop for approximately 20 years. She enjoyed quilting and making quilts for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved cooking, the larger the family gathering the more she enjoyed making the meal. She and a daughter-in-law compiled a family cookbook with some of her favorite recipes. Most of all she enjoyed being a wife, mother and grandmother.

Maxine is survived by:

Four sons:

Dan Gates and wife Mary of Lawrence, Kansas

Darrell Gates and wife Gayle of Bella Vista, Arkansas

Don Gates of Lawrence, Kansas

Dennis Gates and wife Tamera of Wichita, Kansas

Siblings:

Anna Laws of Union City, Tennessee

Jim Decker and wife Barbara of Topeka, Kansas

Nine grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, husband Floyd, granddaughter Debra Gates Lewis and siblings Garland Decker, Mary Alexander, Leo Decker and Floyd Decker.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 10:30 am at St. Patrick's Church in Chanute. Rosary will be recited at 10:00 am.

Masks are required. Services will be live streamed via St. Patrick's Facebook and YouTube. Burial will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Chanute.

Memorials have been suggested to either St. Patrick's Catholic Church or The Believe Bag Project founded by granddaughter Debra, and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at; www.countrysidedefh.com. Services entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home, 101 N Highland, Chanute, Kansas 66720.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery - Chanute

926 W. 7th Street
Chanute, KS

Previous Events

Rosary

FEB **9**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church - Chanute
424 S. Central
Chanute, KS

Service

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ *We lived right across the alley went to school with Don*

Michael Allen - February 08, 2021 at 03:30 PM

DF

“ *David Decker and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Maxine Gates.*



David Decker and family - February 05, 2021 at 07:11 PM

MK

“ *Maxine was a dear friend of mine, we became acquainted singing together in choir. She was always willing to help! I think of all the funeral dinners she prepared! Bless her! She loved her family and I send my sympathy to each of you.*
Love and prayers, Mary Ann Kneeland

Mary Ann Kneeland - February 05, 2021 at 01:21 PM

CR

“ *I remember going to Aunt Maxine's and all the boys would be there. I remember a little pond they had in their back yard and I remember playing shuffleboard. We always had a good time.*

Cathy Decker Robertson - February 05, 2021 at 01:20 PM

NC

“ So sorry for your loss. I certainly learned a great deal about cooking for large groups from your mom. She was a fixture in the St Pats kitchen ! May she Rest In Peace . Nancy Castellucci

nancy castellucci - February 04, 2021 at 08:14 PM

SS

“ Thinking of all the family. You all are in our hearts and prayers. She was a great lady. So sorry for the loss of your Mother.



Stan & Francie Simmons - February 03, 2021 at 07:39 PM



Prayers and love sent to the Dennis Gates Family💕💕

Gina Thomas - February 05, 2021 at 12:04 PM