

## HILDE ELIZABETH FARLEY

Mrs. Hilde Elizabeth Farley, age 80, passed away Sunday, December 9, 2007, at her home in Lawrence. Mrs. Farley was attended in her passing by her hospice nurses and her sons.

Mrs. Farley was born March 17, 1927 in Berlin-Steglitz, Germany, the only child of Horace and Marianne Woelfer Shuptrine. Mrs. Farley was baptized and christened in the Lutheran Lukaskirche, Berlin-Steglitz. Mrs. Farley's father was an American citizen whose ancestry in America began in Georgia in 1749. Mrs. Farley's mother was German, later becoming a naturalized American citizen. Mrs. Farley's was proud of her American ancestors, who included a Revolutionary War patriot, and her German ancestors, who included Martin Woelfer, one of the first recipients of the Iron Cross, for service against Napoleon at Leipzig in 1813, and Waterloo in 1815.

Mrs. Farley lived with her grandparents in Nazi Germany from 1932 until she returned to America in 1946. Mrs. Farley refused to relinquish her American citizenship to the Nazis and lived under the protection of the Swiss government after the SS ordered the arrest of foreign nationals in 1943. Mrs. Farley had many narrow escapes and saw much hardship and suffering. Mrs. Farley wrote a book about her experiences in 1995.

As a result of her experience, she chose social work as a profession. Mrs. Farley received degrees from UCLA and KU. Mrs. Farley retired from social work in 1989 and spent many years reconstructing the family genealogy. Mrs. Farley authored several authoritative works on her lineage. Mrs. Farley was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the First Families of Texas Association, and the Georgia Salzburgers Society.

Survivors include her sons Erik Farley, of Columbus, Ohio and Brian Farley, of Lawrence; grandson Alexander

Farley, of Columbus, Ohio; and leaves many relatives in Texas and Germany, and many friends in Kansas.

Preceded in death by her husband Alfred E. Farley, Jr., in 1996.

An open house will be held at a date to be announced. Inurnment and services will be at Old Zion Cemetery, Houston County, Texas, at a later date.

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