MRS. D.W. GATES

Mrs. D.W. (Irene Mable) Gates, 61, R.R. 2, died Tuesday night at Neosho Memorial Hospital.

She had been very ill since Jan. 19, 1970, when she was involved in an automobile accident south of Garnett, after participating in a VFW bowling tournament in Kansas City.

A resident of the Vilas Community since 1955, she was a member of the Vilas Bethel Lutheran Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, and Ladies of Elks, and had participated in Chanute bowling leagues. She was retired as a Southwestern Bell Telephone employee in Kansas City.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Maddex, she was born Dec. 6, 1909, in Pilot Grove, Mo. She was married to D. Wheldon Gates May 3, 1931, in Independence, Mo.

Survivors include the widower of the home; a son, Robert W., Kansas City; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Sue Anderson, Windsor, Calif.; 12 grandchildren, and two brothers, R. Maddex, Kansas City, and W.B. Maddex, Stockton, Calif.

The funeral service will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Vilas Bethel Lutheran Church with the Rev. Warren M. Jones officiating, and burial will be in Vilas Cemetery. Gibson-Koch Chapel is in charge of arrangements.