



## Joan E. Russell

April 25, 1934 - July 31, 2020

Russell, Joan Evelyn

beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, of St. Louis, Missouri, born in Emerson, Iowa on April 25, 1934, passed away from natural causes July 31, 2020.

She is survived by three daughters, Judy (Bill) Bray, Lou Ann (Steve) Forman, and Lois (Steve) Wood. Eight grandchildren: Michael Russell (Rachel), Mitchell (Andrea) Morley, Krista Bray (Jason), Brandon Bray (Mia), Joseph (Stephanie) Wood, Jacob Wood, Alexandra Veenker, Anthony (Kelsey) Collier. Fifteen great-grandchildren, and one great, great-grandchild.

She is survived by brothers: Harley (Mary) Rogers, Jerry (Mattie) Rogers, and Jimmy Rogers.

She was preceded in death by: beloved husband, Richard E. Russell; son, Paul R. Russell; parents, Clifford and Florence Rogers; brothers, Teddy Rogers, George Rogers, and sister-in-law, Peggy Rogers.

At sixteen years of age, she met the boy across the road who became the love of her life. Being underage, Richard was given permission by her parents to marry. After three years, one child, a tiny apartment in Corning, Iowa, and, being taught to cook by her mother-in-law, the couple moved to St. Louis. In the next twelve years, three more children joined the family. As the children grew, Joan determined to continue her education by completing her GED. Homemaking, gardening, oil painting, and Sunday school teaching were her special interests and talents.

The church and Christian Faith became the foundation of family life. An Avon lady knocked on their door and introduced them to a new church, beginning in a store front property. That church was the Church of the Nazarene, where they spent the next twenty-five years as faithful members. Their family life revolved around church activities. Each Sunday, the station wagon would be packed with neighborhood kids. Joan accepted the paid position of Day Care Director at the House Springs, Missouri Church of the Nazarene; a position she held for eight years. After the children left home, Joan and Richard became devout members of the Way of Life Ministries in St. Louis. Richard and Joan were ordained Elder and Deacon respectively.

Visitation held Wednesday, August 5, 2020 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Chapel Hill Mortuary, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, MO 63016. Memorials can be made to any charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joan E. Russell*

January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *LouAnn, Lois, Judy and families. We are so sorry for your lost. Fond memory, your mom used to make homemade peanut butter cookies and drop them off at my apartment. She is now your guardian angel watching over each of you. Vicky and John Heard*

**Vicky Heard** - August 05, 2020 at 05:06 PM



*Thank you, Vicki, great memory. She was the best cookie maker:-)*

**Lois Wood** - August 05, 2020 at 05:42 PM



“ *From the Boothe Family, Joan, I'm sure I've met you many times throughout years. You are part of a very special family to me, which is my second family. I know you will be greatly missed, because I have witnessed the sorrow. May our God Bless and hold you in his loving grace. -Keith*

**Keith D Boothe** - August 05, 2020 at 04:09 PM



*Thank you, Boothe Family*

**Lois Wood** - August 05, 2020 at 05:43 PM

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“ *The Harley and Janet Rogers Families purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joan E. Russell.*



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**The Harley and Janet Rogers Families** - August 05, 2020 at 01:57 PM

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“ *Sharon R. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joan E. Russell.*



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**Sharon R.** - August 05, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Joan E. Russell.*

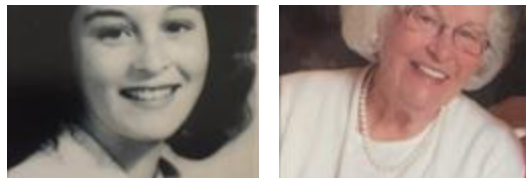


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August 05, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Chapel Hill Mortuary** - August 03, 2020 at 08:44 PM



*Love you, Mom. I will miss our phone calls. :-)*

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**Lois Wood** - August 05, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ *Our love to our Missouri family from your Iowa family Sharon, Julie, Barbie and Rob Russell and families  
Will miss our phone calls, letters and cards rest in peace dear aunt  
and sister in law.*

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**sharon russell** - August 03, 2020 at 07:59 PM