



Katherine A. Wilken

January 14, 1938 - December 10, 2025

Katherine A. Wilken (nee Hughes) of High Ridge, Missouri, was born January 14, 1938 in St. Louis, Missouri to Earl and Ida (nee Quevreaux) Hughes and entered into rest on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 in High Ridge, Missouri at the age of 87 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Ida (nee Quevreaux) Hughes; her 1st husband, Casey Hauser, 2nd husband Skip Wilken; siblings, Edward Hughes, Robert Hughes, Donald Hughes, Roy Hughes, Leonard Hughes, Betty Lang, Dorothy Hughes and Patricia Hughes; daughter in law Tammy Hauser; great granddaughter Eva Brooks.

She is survived by her children, Casey (Denise) Hauser, Ronald (the late Tammy) Hauser, Marilyn (nee Hauser) (Dan Rutledge) Freihaut-Rutledge and Donald Hauser; grandchildren, Natasha (Michael) Telle, Matthew (Emily) Hauser, Elissa (Kevin) Light, Zachary Hauser, Laura (Arik) Brooks, Dean (Brianna) Hauser, Justin (Sarah) Freihaut, Daniel Freihaut, Morgan (Joe) Labruyere and Gabe Hauser; great grandchildren, Audriana, Jaxson, Crosby, Riley, Paisley, Levi, Westyn, Sophie, Colten, Kaycee, Ashley, Lindsey, Tyler, Delilah, Carmen, Finn, Cass, Ada, Brooks, Bowen and Nolan; along with numerous other extended family and friends.

Kathy was a woman whose heart overflowed with love, especially for her

children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who were her greatest joy and proudest treasures. She found delight in life's simple pleasures—cheering on her grandchildren and great grandchildren at their games and competitions, browsing resale shops for hidden gems and tending to her plants and flowers. She loved Jesus and her faith was a steady guide, and her church community brought her comfort, friendship, and purpose. She wasn't afraid of hard work and was always ready to lend a helping hand and give encouragement to everyone. Kathy's caring spirit, generous heart, and unwavering love for her family will be cherished forever, living on in every life she touched.

A Celebration of Life will be on Friday, January 9, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Chapel Hill Mortuary-Kirkwood 10301 Big Bend Rd. Kirkwood, Missouri 63122. Interment will immediately follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Kirkwood, Missouri.

Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at www.stlfuneral.com and follow details of this event and others in the community at www.facebook.com/stlchapelhill.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Kirkwood

10301 Big Bend Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
(314) 965-8228
info@stlfuneral.com
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ Proud to of known have known such a true living Christian . Always positive! She was there for my sister Joyce when I couldn't be (was taking care of my son going through Alzheimer's) Took Joyce to and from church. I was granted the chance to help Kathy carry "Big Bertha" her Bible etc to he car. Loved her dearly and miss her contagious JOY! Prayers for all involved with this journey.

Margie - January 09 at 09:18 AM

MA

“ Margie A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katherine A. Wilken.

Margie A. - January 09 at 09:00 AM

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“ The Betty Fischer Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Katherine A. Wilken.



The Betty Fischer Family - January 08 at 04:09 PM

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“ Sam, Kay, Patty, and Lisa purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Katherine A. Wilken.



Sam, Kay, Patty, and Lisa - January 06 at 11:00 AM

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“ The Meyer Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Katherine A. Wilken.



The Meyer Family - January 04 at 05:35 PM

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“ The Meyer Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katherine A. Wilken.

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