



## Betty Jo Martin

July 19, 1956 - March 14, 2026

Betty Jo Martin 69, of Fall River, KS, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at her home. Betty was born on July 19, 1956, in Wichita, KS, the daughter of Raymond and Phyllis (Busch) Gardner.

Betty dedicated her life to taking care of her family and raising her children. In 1977, Betty married Ronald Martin, and they later divorced. She was always appreciative and thankful for everything and everyone. In her younger years, Betty was active with her horses, and riding in parades, and was a previous member of the Haysville Saddle Club. She also enjoyed riding motorcycles, and going to rallies.

Being a granny of a large family, and also considering others as her own, Betty was known for being a great cook, an avid KC Chiefs fan, and a marksman when target shooting with her grandchildren. Betty also had a great love for her dog(s) Bella and Bonnie Jane. Family was her passion, and she will be greatly missed.

Betty is survived by:

Children:

Heather McIntire of El Dorado, KS

Shila Groth (Robert) of Fall River, KS

Chad Martin (Keri) of Haysville, KS

Siblings:

Gene Gardner (Kathryn) of Sedgwick, KS

Richard Gardner of New Albany, KS

Ramona Gardner of Fredonia, KS

Roseanne Hayzlett of Fredonia, KS

Dixie McGinnis (Justin) of Wichita, KS

Debbie Hays of Georgia

17 Grandchildren: Nikole, James, Mark, Matthew, Preston, Steven, Rielynn, Rhemie, Nathan, Lynaya, Amber, Allie, Cody, Gabby, Jace, Brylee and Ethan

29 Great Grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, siblings: Donnie Ray Gardner, Barbara Green, Mary Eileen Hayzlett, and Becky Connell. A grandson Michael McIntire, and a niece Tina Green.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at 10:30 am at Countryside Funeral Home in Fredonia. Memorials in her memory have been suggested to the Gypsy MC International, which is a Traditional Motorcycle Club that offers charities and support to those in need, and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com) Services are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Fredonia  
420 S. 20th St.  
P.O. Box 247  
Fredonia, KS 66736  
(620) 378-2882

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Bety Jo Martin*



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**Countryside Funeral Home** - March 24 at 12:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Betty Jo Martin*.



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March 18 at 06:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Betty Jo Martin*.

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March 18 at 06:34 PM

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“ To the family and friends of Betty Jo,

*I am proud to say that I am a family member, not by blood but by love and the graciousness of being a part of the Busch family. My family and the Busch family were in my lives since I can remember. I remember Betty Jo and Becky being in their early 20's if that, calling my mom (Syrina Youngquist) if I could come over and hang out with them, I felt so important hanging out with someone who wasn't actually my sisters and eating sunflower seeds and drinking soda. Yes, Betty Jo and Becky taught Beth and I how to do cartwheels (we were all over that yard). I have always tried to stay in touch with her. After Jackie's funeral she reached out to me and wanted me to apologize to the family she couldn't make it (which I did so). You will always be in my memories and the love you showed me as a child.*



*Tammy Youngquist*

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Tammy Youngquist - March 18 at 02:44 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Martin.



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March 17 at 02:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty Jo Martin.

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March 17 at 02:07 PM

MB

“ You will be truly missed by so many Momma Betty ❤️ We will miss the way your eye's light up when you laugh and smile. Will miss watching the love you gave to your kid's and grandbabies ❤️ Until we all meet again ❤️ RIP Momma Betty  
Love Todd and Melissa Brown

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**Melissa Brown** - March 17 at 10:12 AM



“ Dear Betty Jo,

*As I sit here reflecting on the news of your passing, my heart is heavy with a mix of sorrow and gratitude for the beautiful soul you were. Born on that warm summer day in July 1956 in Wichita, Kansas, to your loving parents Raymond and Phyllis Gardner, you entered this world with a spirit that would touch so many lives over your 69 years. Growing up in the heartland, you embodied the strength and warmth of Kansas—resilient, kind, and always ready to lend a hand. And though your journey led you to Fall River, where you spent your final days peacefully at home on March 14, 2026, your legacy stretches far beyond any one place.*

*From what I know of you, cousin, you dedicated your life to taking care of others. Whether it was family, friends, or those in need, your nurturing heart was your greatest gift. You had a way of making everyone feel seen and loved, like a gentle breeze on a hot day that brings relief and comfort. I remember the stories of your unwavering devotion, how you'd go out of your way to support those around you, always with a smile and a word of encouragement. In a world that can feel so chaotic, you were a steady anchor, reminding us all of the importance of compassion and family bonds.*

*As your cousin, I've always admired your quiet strength. Even though life threw its challenges your way, you faced them with grace and faith. You taught me, without even trying, that true richness comes from the relationships we build and the love we share. Thinking back on our family gatherings, the laughter we shared, and the quiet moments of connection, I can't help but smile through the tears. You had this incredible ability to light up a room, to make the ordinary feel special. Whether it was sharing a recipe, offering advice, or just listening, you made people feel valued.*

*Now, as you rest in eternal peace, I find solace in believing you're in a place of pure joy, reunited with those who went before you. Heaven must be even brighter with you there, Betty Jo. And while we're here missing you terribly, I know you're watching over us with*

*that same loving gaze.*

*Please, if you can, give my son DaKota a big, warm hug for me up there in Heaven. Tell him how much I love him and how proud I am of the man he became. And wrap my mother and father in your arms too—let them know they're never far from my thoughts, and that their love still guides me every day. I can picture you all together, sharing stories and laughter, free from pain and full of light.*

*Your memory will live on in all of us, Betty Jo. We'll honor you by carrying forward the kindness you showed, by cherishing our families as you did yours. Thank you for being the wonderful cousin, friend, and caregiver you were. Until we meet again, rest easy in God's embrace.*

*With all my love,  
Beth*

*To Heather, Shila Groth and Chad Martin my deepest heartfelt condolences and sympathies for this tragic loss.*

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**Elizabeth Smith** - March 16 at 10:55 PM

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“ Karen S Beaty purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Betty Jo Martin.



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**Karen S Beaty** - March 16 at 09:24 PM

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“ Karen S Beaty planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jo Martin.

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**Karen S Beaty** - March 16 at 09:24 PM

SJ

“ *I am so sorry,was so glad I got to meet my cousin.Betty was so very sweet.She will be greatly missed...love and prayers* ❤️🙏

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**Sherry Jackson** - March 16 at 07:56 PM