



## Bonnie Crystal Crone

July 20, 1939 - December 24, 2025

Bonnie Crystal Crone, 86 of Chanute, Kansas, passed away on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, at Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center.

Bonnie was welcomed into this world on July 20, 1939 in Chanute, Kansas, to Edgar and Mabel (Trent) Kustanborter. Bonnie graduated from Chanute High School and then married Bill Gericke, the two later divorced. Bonnie worked at the City Landfill and Walmart for several years, but her favorite job was being a mom. She was fortunate to be able to stay home and care for her family and take care of the home.

Bonnie was a member of the Otterbein Community Church of Chanute. With her caring nature, she was able to volunteer for many church events. She was very active in the community, visiting numerous nursing homes, just go in and visit with the residents. During her free time, Bonnie loved to go on bus trips to visit places like Branson and attend the shows. Most of all, Bonnie loved the time she got to spend with her family, especially her 6 grandchildren; two of whom she lovingly helped raise, Danielle and Zack Gericke.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Edgar and Mabel Kustanborter, her sons, Daniel Ray Gericke, Gary Frank Gericke, John Arthur Gericke, daughter Debra Jo Gericke, and her stepmother, Leola Felkins Kustanborter.

Her memory will carry on with her sons, Ronald Gericke and wife Freda, Timothy Gericke and partner, Sara Cooper, 6 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, daughter-in-law Cynthia Gericke, sister, Mary Jane Shaw, and nephew, John Shaw. Visitation will be held at Countryside Funeral Home on

January 15, 2026, with the family greeting friends from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. A Celebration of Bonnie's Life will be held at Otterbein Community Church of Chanute on Friday, January 16, 2026 at 1:00 pm. The family of Bonnie has entrusted services to Countryside Funeral Home.

The family would like to thank the hospital staff and Dr. Guernsey for taking such wonderful care of our mother. Additionally, we would like to thank Marlene Marts, Cindy Lane, and Pat McClanahan for sitting with our mother when we were not able to. Memorials are suggested to Cherry Street Youth Center or add someone to your prayer list.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel  
101 N. Highland  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-1220  
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

## Celebration of Life

JAN **16**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Otterbein Community Church of Chanute  
631 W. 7th St.  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



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**Countryside Funeral Home** - January 15 at 02:50 PM

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“ Trang N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonnie Crystal Crone.

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**Trang N.** - January 12 at 10:27 PM

LA

“ Lesa A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bonnie Crystal Crone.

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**Lesla A.** - January 10 at 10:32 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Bonnie Crystal Crone.



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“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Bonnie Crystal Crone.*



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January 08 at 04:15 PM



“ *Bonnie was such a sweetheart! Im going to miss her.*

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**Christina Wimsett** - January 04 at 12:39 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Bonnie's passing. I worked with this lady for many years at Wal Mart. She always had a smile and hello for you whenever you would see her even years later when we no longer worked together. Very nice lady. Prayers to all of her family.*  
*Pat Oakes*

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**Pat** - December 31, 2025 at 07:58 AM



“ *Chuck and I enjoyed going to several church events and Zach was with us. I saw Bonnie a couple times when she visited Credo. She was a sweet lady.*

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**Sharon Carpenter** - December 30, 2025 at 07:51 PM