



Catherine Thorsell

March 5, 1945 - September 20, 2021

Gladys Catherine Thorsell, 76, of Chanute passed away on Monday, September 20, 2021. Catherine was born on March 5, 1945 in Chanute, KS, the daughter of Galen and Gertrude (Walker) Thorsell.

Catherine grew up in Wilson county, and was very active and involved in 4-H. Before graduating from Midway High School, she also attended Peach Grove Rural School. Upon graduation of high school Catherine attended Neosho County Community College before graduating from Kansas State University. After graduation from college, Catherine worked for Kansas State University as an Extension Home Economist in Clark and Gray County Kansas. Catherine enjoyed knitting after retirement, attending alumni and retirement events, but most importantly spending time with her family at various family gatherings.

Catherine was a very active member of Zion Lutheran Church, Vilas Homebuilders Unit, and was a huge Kansas State Wildcats fan. The one thing that Catherine prided herself on and many would notice was the fact that she was a very independent and strong single woman.

Catherine is survived by:

Three Brothers:

George Robert Thorsell and wife Karen of Chanute, KS
William Ray Thorsell and wife Valerie of Chanute, KS
Galen Edward Thorsell and wife Gladys of Wamego, KS

One Sister:

Margaret Avallone of Silver Springs, MD

Eleven nieces and nephews

Numerous great nieces and nephews

One Great-Great Nephew

Catherine was preceded in death by her parents, Galen and Gertrude.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 5:00 PM at Countryside Funeral Home in Chanute. Funeral service will be on Monday September 27, 2021 at 10:00 AM at Zion Lutheran Church in Chanute, with burial to follow at Vilas Cemetery. Memorials have been suggested to Sunshine Preschool at Zion Lutheran Church and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

Cemetery Details

Vilas Bethel Cemetery

2000 Rd.
Chanute, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 26. 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>

Service

SEP 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
1202 W. Main
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

PK

“ I had the privilege of getting to know your loved one when our counties were in the same camp group at Rock Springs. . . . she being on the western side of the state, I was in the extreme southeast in Cherokee County. My deepest sympathy to all of you for your loss.
Phyllis Kriesel, retired 4-H Agent

Phyllis Kriesel - September 29, 2021 at 09:39 AM

CC

“ Thought and prayers for the family. She was a gem of a lady. She loved judging for 4-H. I enjoyed judging with her. She always had a wonderful story to tell. Sadly missed.

Carol Crawford - September 26, 2021 at 06:47 PM

AB

“ Catherine was the neatest, friendliest, Extension Agent Co-worker! Loved being around and working with her. Missed her smiling face when I left Extension and went into teaching. Amy Brown, Fredonia, KS

Amy Brown - September 26, 2021 at 04:16 PM

YK

“ Your cousins Bill and Judy Kightlinger purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Catherine Thorsell.



Your cousins Bill and Judy Kightlinger - September 25, 2021 at 01:18 PM

JR

“ *Catherine was always fun to be around. Always smiling & laughing. She was my cousin also. Prayers for the family. She will be missed.* ”

Jacki Richardson - September 25, 2021 at 03:10 AM

MM

“ *Catherine was one of my favorite cousins. She was always so fun to be around, dedicated to her work as an extension lady and an inspiration to all. She truly will be missed by family and friends. My condolences go out to her immediate family.* ”

Mary McGill - September 24, 2021 at 02:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Thorsell.* ”



September 24, 2021 at 09:55 AM

TM

“ *The Cassity's Mike, Betty, Erin, Jameson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Catherine Thorsell.* ”



The Cassity's Mike, Betty, Erin, Jameson - September 23, 2021 at 09:46 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Catherine Thorsell.*



September 23, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Catherine Thorsell.*



September 22, 2021 at 08:57 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Catherine Thorsell.*



September 22, 2021 at 08:51 AM



“ *Oh, I am so sorry to hear this! Catherine was such a lovely, talented lady!*

Mary Dunn - September 22, 2021 at 04:23 AM

PO

“ *I first meant Catherine years ago when she worked at Wal Mart. The past few years I have had the privilege to be in a group of ladies that belong to the Vilas Homebuilders which Catherine was a member. I really have enjoyed knowing Catherine and will really miss her. Such a friendly upbeat lady. Rest In Peace lovely lady.*

Pat Oakes - September 21, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Catherine Thorsell.*



September 21, 2021 at 06:00 PM