



## Doris Jean (Tyler) McKelvy Swiler

September 21, 1921 - March 25, 2016

Doris Jean (Tyler) McKelvy Swiler, 94, of rural Chanute left her home to be with her Lord on March 25, 2016, surrounded by her loving family. She was born Sept. 21, 1921 in Chanute to Bert and Rena Wright Tyler. Doris graduated 9th grade in Chanute and worked as a young woman in Wichita and the Chanute area. She married Lester Clarence McKelvy Oct. 6, 1937 in Iola, Kansas. From this union they had four children. He preceded her in death on Dec. 15, 1966 at their home. They purchased a farm near Chanute in 1943, and in 1950 built their dream home, in which she had since resided. Doris accepted the Lord as her Savior in 1953, and later was a member and served as Sunday school teacher and secretary/treasurer of South Valley Chapel, before becoming a member of Thayer Christian Church. She was a homemaker and assisted her husband on the family farm. She started cooking at the Hillcrest School when the hot lunch program began and worked in the Chanute school district for 26 years, retiring in 1986. She had a strong career work ethic, rarely missing a day even during snow storms, setting an example for her children and others. She loved cooking, trying new recipes and always enjoying new tastes.

She made cookies by the dozens for Cherry Street Youth Center for many years and always had a supply of cookies in her home freezer for visiting grandchildren and other family. She was a foods project leader for the Willing Workers 4-H Club, helping many young women develop their nutritional talents.

On June 1, 1975, she married Owen O. Swiler, who passed away in a car accident Sept. 24, 1989 near Garnett, KS. On Jan. 18, 1997 she married Oscar David Swiler, who passed away Aug. 21, 2002.

Doris is survived by her daughter, Carolyn McKelvy Swiler and husband, Glen; son Steven Lester McKelvy and partner, Paul Lee Dickens, of Kernersville, NC; five grandsons, Kenneth L. Swiler and wife, Lori; Jared Reynolds and wife, Jennifer, Parker, CO; Robert (Bob) Swiler and wife, Laurie, Erie; Rodney (Rod) March, Chanute; and Mark McKelvy, Kernersville, NC; four granddaughters, Dixye VanDuyne and husband, Steve, Westminster, CO; Brenda Tucker and husband, Mark, Bartlesville, OK; Deborah (Debbie) Vogts and husband, Chris, Erie; and Amy Ayres and husband Ronnie (Buck), High Point, NC; 21 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great grandchildren.

Doris also is survived by her step-sons, Clinton Swiler, Chanute; David Swiler and wife, Carolyn, Harlingen, TX; Kenneth W. Swiler, Chanute; and step-daughter Lynita Nelson and husband, Bill, Amber, OK; 11 step-grandchildren and 33 step great grandchildren. She also is survived by three sisters-in-law, Geneva Tyler Clem, Ruth Tyler Capolla and Norma Tyler, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Doris loved all her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and especially enjoyed the little great-great grandchildren, as well as her recent caretakers and their children. She truly will be missed by all who knew her.

In addition to three husbands, she was preceded in death by two daughters, Barbara Reynolds Swiler and Janice Buman; grandson Calvin Reynolds; four brothers, Charles Tyler, Roy Tyler, Joe Newton and Ralph Newton; and two sisters, Lola Wood and Hazel Weis.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Thayer Christian Church in Thayer. A visitation will be held on Monday, March 28, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Countryside Funeral Home Gibson Chapel 16 N. Forest in Chanute. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Families request memorials to Cherry Street Youth Center or Thayer Christian Church and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Gibson Chapel  
16 N. Forest  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-2660  
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

## Service

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

Thayer Christian Church  
8495 Dorn Rd  
Thayer, KS 66776

# Tribute Wall

BT

“ My condolences to Doris's extended family, many of whom I knew well growing up. Doris was a very nice person who cooked at Hillcrest school which I attended in the 50s. She did a great job of taking care of us for several years. Two of her daughters were in my classes for several years, Janice and Carolyn, also very nice. Further, I grew up with the Oscar Swiler family living one mile away. We had many great times as youngsters. I was just plain lucky to grow up around such good people. I take the Tribune which is delivered to Kansas City a few days late, so I did not see it in time to come to the funeral. Had I known in time, I would have been there.

*My best to long ago friends. Bill Taylor*

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**Bill Taylor** - April 03, 2016 at 05:38 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Beth** - March 29, 2016 at 08:24 AM

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**Beth** - March 29, 2016 at 08:21 AM

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“ To the family of Doris Jean (Tyler) McKelvy Swiler,  
I am sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that  
"Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are  
crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18) With sympathy,

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**kelsey lee** - March 28, 2016 at 09:23 PM

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“ Ms Doris was a sweetheart as children we spent some overnitters  
with their daughters Beautiful

*Shirley Moyer*

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**Shirley Moyer** - March 28, 2016 at 08:11 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the  
family of Doris Jean (Tyler) McKelvy Swiler.



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March 28, 2016 at 08:16 AM

DD

“ I have so many wonderful memories of spending the summers with Grandma when I was growing up. My momma and daddy would put me and my little brother on a bus or a passenger train and send us to Grandma's house for a few weeks every summer. We always had so much fun. She taught me how to bake and instilled in me the joy of cooking for my family and friends. I still use her homemade pie crust recipe and I get rave reviews everytime I make one. Almost every time I would make a pie, I would call Grandma and tell her that I was making a pie and it made me think of her. I will still think of her each time I make one but I will no longer be able to call her and tell her. I think she will know though.

I lost my very first tooth while I was visiting grandma one summer. I started crying and ran inside to tell her. She told me that all little girls lose their teeth and then they grow big girl teeth. I responded by saying...but Grandma, I don't want all of my teeth to fall out.

Another memory I have is when we came to visit Grandma, my little brother and I always wanted to "go to town" even though we lived in a big city. Grandma would say, "Are you ready to go into town?" We would get so excited when she would ask us this. We would jump into the car and she would take us to Cardinal Drug Store and she would buy each of us a small toy and then take us to Sonic and Grandma, my little brother and myself would each get a corn dog and tater tots. Those were the best corn dogs and tater tots ever because we were sharing them and spending time with the best Grandma EVER!

I have so many other memories but can't tell them all. I will keep them in my heart so I can always remember our times together. I pray that I can be half the Grandma to my grand babies as she was to us. Grandma was so loving and kind and I never heard her say a negative thing about anyone. I will miss you so very much

Grandma. I was your very first grand daughter and I know that we had a special bond that will live on forever. You have made a wonderful and beautiful family Grandma. Our goal is to always make you proud of us. Please tell momma and daddy that I love them and miss them for me. I love you Grandma. You've always been the best!!!

**Dixye Van Duyne** - March 26, 2016 at 08:15 PM

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“ *I had the privilege of meeting Doris and sharing a meal with her last summer. What an honor to have finally met the Mother of my friend, Steve McKelvy. What a sweet lady! Thanks to Steve, I have enjoyed Snickerdoodle cookies made from Doris' recipe. No better cookie can be found.  
Peace Doris.*

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**Gary Clendenning** - March 26, 2016 at 07:32 PM



“ *I first knew Doris's Nieces, the Tyler girls. They lived across the field from us and were our very good friends. Then I knew Doris as the food's leader for the Willing Workers 4-H Club. I remember going to her home for cooking meetings, and I remember when she taught us to make Banana Cream Pudding. I remember demonstrating making Chocolate Chip cookies in her kitchen for a foods meeting. I also looked forward to working with Doris in the Hillcrest School Lunch program for 1/2 hour per day. A student got the privilege of working just before lunch daily, doing such things such as wrapping silverware or cutting butter pats. Doris was always a gentle, encouraging person for all her family, friends, and neighbors. She is a lovely lady, and will be greatly missed!*

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**Mary Dunn** - March 26, 2016 at 07:12 PM