



## Eleanor E. Umbarger

October 23, 1925 - November 26, 2021

Eleanor Elizabeth Umbarger, 96, of Chanute, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, November 26, 2021. Eleanor was born on October 23, 1925 in Earlton, KS the daughter of Leo and Anna Faye (Dryden) Fairchild.

Eleanor was a graduate of Chanute High School class of 1943, she then attended Neosho College where she obtained her teaching certificate. On April 14, 1946 Eleanor married Gerald E. Umbarger. They began their life journey and were married for 70 years until his death on December 30, 2016.

Along with working on the farm alongside Gerald, Eleanor also worked at a couple various jobs, and retired after 20 plus years from Sears as the Catalog Store Assistant Manager and bookkeeper in Chanute. After retiring Eleanor took up the hobby of embroidery. She embroidered countless baby quilts, full and queen size bed quilts and dish towels. Eleanor gifted most of those items as wedding gifts and birthday gifts or just because gifts. Eleanor enjoyed helping people, and enjoyed making and serving large meals for families, friends, and church meals. Most of all, Eleanor loved her family.

Survivors include:

Two Daughters:

Joyce Whitson of Fredonia, KS

Linda Collins and husband Ron Frazier of Manhattan, KS

Daughter-in-Law:

Lisa Umbarger of Chanute

One Sister:

Glenna Kuhn of Chanute, KS

Nine Grandchildren:

Jayne Whitson, Lewis Whitson Sr., Mark Collins and wife Ann, Ron Frazier Jr., Ryan Frazier, Ashley Thomas and husband Willie, Angie Courter and husband Matt, Stan Krusich (Ashley Kellogg) and Kale Krusich.

18 Great Grandchildren:

Lamar Whitson IV, Jarrett Whitson and wife Katie, Haylee Whitson, Emma Whitson, Lewis Whitson Jr. aka Whit, Kamron Whitson, Jordan Flaherty, Cade Collins, Kylee Collins, Chloe Collins, Jessica Frazier, Shelby Frazier, Bailey Croisant, Dante Thomas, Cali Courter, Coby Courter and Kash Krusich.

Grand daughter-in-law:

Jill Whitson

Eleanor was preceded in death by her parents, husband Gerald, son Philip Umbarger, brothers, Bill, Dale and Richard Fairchild, son-in-law Lamar Whitson Jr. and grandson Lamar Whitson III.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 11:00 am with family receiving friends 1 hour prior to service time at the First Baptist Church Good News Center in Chanute. Memorials are suggested more than flowers to the First Baptist Church, funds will be used to purchase small equipment for the kitchen update 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 entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute,  
KS 66720

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Good News Center  
118 N. Forest Ave.  
Chanute, KS 66720

## Celebration of Life

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Thinking of the family and imaging the celebration in heaven as she was welcomed home. Prayers and comfort to this left behind. Retta Aday Seger and family

Retta Seger - December 03, 2021 at 10:49 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Eleanor E. Umbarger.



December 01, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Eleanor E. Umbarger.



December 01, 2021 at 07:41 AM

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“ The Richard Fairchild Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Eleanor E. Umbarger.



The Richard Fairchild Family - November 30, 2021 at 06:38 PM

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“ *Eleanor Umbarger was the matriarch of the Fairchild family. For holidays, she seemed to be the planner. Dale Fairchild, her brother, and I went on many trips together. Hawaii, Alaska and lots of other fun spots. We had so much fun and her laugh made everyone laugh. She loved to be with family, her kids, and now with her beloved husband Gerald and son Phillip. My memories are endless with a smile on my face. I loved her very much.*

*Jeannie Fairchild*

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**Jeannie Fairchild** - November 29, 2021 at 10:59 PM