



## Irma Lorene Crisp

April 2, 1922 - January 24, 2018

Irma Lorene (Magers) Crisp, a resident of Howard for most of her life, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018 at McCrite Retirement Home in Topeka. Irma was born on April 2, 1922, near Fall River, Kansas, the daughter of Harold and Floy (Hadsall) Magers.

Irma attended Howard High School her first 3 years and then attended and graduated from Fall River High School. On May 21, 1940, she was united in marriage to Dennis Crisp, a country school teacher. Irma was the first school secretary in the Howard schools and kept the job for 11 years. Seven districts were unified in Elk County in 1966 and she became the Clerk/Business Manager of the new district. In December 1979 she quit working to travel with Dennis who had semi-retired from his Zenith TV business in February 1979. In July 1980 Irma was hired in the Rose Hill School District in Butler County as Clerk/Business Manager. In July 1985 she retired from Rose Hill and in March 1986 was appointed to fill an unexpired term as County Clerk in Elk County.

Irma and Dennis always lived in Howard, except when they were snow birding. They had many lifelong friends in the Howard area whom they dearly loved. Irma and Dennis spent 20 winters in Yuma, Arizona, in an RV Park. They participated in jam sessions 3 times a week. Dennis played the fiddle, guitar, and banjo, and Irma at times played snare drum or slide guitar, but usually just listened to the good music. She and Dennis enjoyed the dances,

the morning coffees, and park activities with the many friends they made there. They did a lot of volunteer work in the park, Irma being the go-to person to make banners, invitations, directories, etc. on her computer. She also was famous for her delicious apple pies. Irma enjoyed quilting and made beautiful quilts for family members.

Irma is survived by one son Jim Crisp and his wife Denise of Chula Vista, CA, one daughter Suzy Springer of Topeka, KS; grandchildren Ashleigh Crisp of Chula Vista, Valerie Oliver of Marina del Rey, CA, Stacey Bailey of Topeka, KS, and Mike Springer of Collinsville, Illinois; 7 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Janie Crisp in 2008, her husband Dennis in 2009, her son-in-law Jeff in 2013, and her grandson Scott in 2014.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Howard United Methodist Church, with Pastor Deana Allison, visitation will be held one hour prior to service time. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com) Memorials have been suggested to either the Howard First United Methodist Church or the Carter Rader unit #149 Legion Auxiliary, and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 206 E. Washington, P.O. Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349

# Cemetery Details

## Grace Lawn Cemetery

Howard, KS 67349

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Howard United Methodist Church  
815 E. Randolph  
Howard, KS 67349

## Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Irma Lorene Crisp.*



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January 31, 2018 at 04:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Suzie and all the family. I had the pleasure of knowing Irma as an activity director at McCrite Plaza Retirement Community. I'll always remember Irma's kind heart and good nature. She was strong thru adversity and had a great sense of humor. I admired Suzie's strong relationship with her mom. I take comfort in knowing Irma had strong faith in Jesus Christ, Heaven gained a great one. Praying for all.*



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**Mark Wallace** - January 31, 2018 at 12:02 PM



*Thank you so much. She loved her home at McCrite. Thank you for all you did for her.*

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**Suzy Crisp Springer** - February 11, 2018 at 06:51 PM

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“ So many memories Of her and Dennis at the coffee shops. Her encouraging words and his stories. One of the most precious moments to me was the Saturday morning before going to Yuma she hosted a coffee brunch at the house. Must have been close to 20 show up. Dennis was teasing he may run out of coffee and goodies while Irma was serving. She insisted that if he did not quit his antics he may have to do dishes alone I stayed long enough to see them working as always a team. I have been very blessed having the privilege of knowing them over my years in Howard. What a celebration of life is given by her example. Pastor Robin and Kathy Haines

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**Robin & Kathy Haines** - January 31, 2018 at 01:02 AM

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Thank you so much. When looking through pictures, we realized how remembering either Mom or Dad was to remember both of them.

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**Suzy Crisp Springer** - February 11, 2018 at 06:53 PM

 Stacey  
Bailey

“ My grandma was so kind and full of energy. She always dressed her best and her house was immaculate. She seemed almost perfect. On Thanksgiving she messed up and it was very memorable. She cooked the jello and refrigerated the uncooked stuffing. She laughed with us when she realized what happened. I will miss her tons. Stacey

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**Stacey Bailey** - January 30, 2018 at 10:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Irma Lorene Crisp.*



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January 30, 2018 at 03:08 PM



“ *Our Highest Praise and Thanks to this FINE LADY. Irma always had the answer or knew who did (or would find out and call you back) To her Family, we lift her up sharing our tears with you. I can still see her laying her hand on Dennis's arm if he was carrying on a little much. Hope to see you again. On a 1-10 scale she was a 20.*

*Love and Prayers from Wayne & Genie Willhite.*

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**Wayne Willhite** - January 30, 2018 at 07:41 AM



*Thank you so much for sharing these memories. We'll all miss her so much.*

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**Suzy Crisp Springer** - February 11, 2018 at 06:50 PM