



Juanita Jane Dalton

August 19, 1936 - August 26, 2025

Juanita Jane Dalton 89, Gardner, Kansas, formerly of Chanute, Kansas passed away Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at Vintage Park Assisted Living, Gardner, Kansas. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 13th 10:00am at Countryside Funeral Home 101 N Highland, Chanute, KS. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Cherry Street Youth Center or The First United Methodist Church, Chanute, Kansas.

Jane was preceded in death by her husband Dwayne; parents Tom and Alice Elder; brothers Robert and Jack Ockenfels; sister Alice Faye Almond; in-laws Merle and Fern Dalton and her much loved dog, Susie.

Jane was born August 19, 1936 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Thomas Earl Elder and Zelpha "Alice" Elder. Jane was raised in Benedict and graduated from Benedict High School in 1954. She married Merle "Dwayne" Dalton at her parents' home in Benedict on January 31, 1954. They were married 66 years before his death in 2020. Together they raised four children: Dale (Connie) Olathe, Bob (Tracy) Gardner, Tommy (Sandy) Chanute, and DeeAnn (Steve), Gardner. Jane has six grandchildren: Dustin (Nicole) Lenexa, Jason (Stacy) Shawnee, Merle, Chanute, Amanda, Humboldt, Daniel, Grandview, Missouri, and Desiree, Chanute. She has 15 great-grandchildren: Beck, Emry, Wyatt, Ryder, Kade, Braxton, Kinley, Adia, Daisy, Brandy, Titan, Casen, River, Zoe and Kaia. Jane is survived by her brother Tom Elder, Greeley, Colorado and

sister Diane Bulleigh, Topeka.

Jane was a member of the Chanute First United Methodist Church where she served as Youth Leader when her sons were young. She was a Boy Scout and Brownie Troop Leader. Jane was a member of the Chanute Business and Professional Women's Club. She served President and was 1983 Woman of the Year.

Along with her husband Dwayne, they owned D-J Oil Company during the SE Kansas oil boom. She worked for the Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas Association for many years. Jane was a bookkeeper for 25 years at Greve Income Tax before she retired.

The family would like to thank the staff of Vintage Park in Gardner, where Jane lived for the last five years. Our gratitude for their friendship, care and genuine compassion is beyond words. We also thank the staff of Brighton Hospice of Lenexa.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **13**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Rist family and Wanda Swihart purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Juanita Jane Dalton.



Rist family and Wanda Swihart - September 11, 2025 at 04:28 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Juanita Jane Dalton.



September 04, 2025 at 01:32 PM

HS

“ Hillary Smith lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dalton



Hillary Smith - September 02, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Juanita Jane Dalton.



September 02, 2025 at 03:01 PM

MM

“ *Marilyn Mishler lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dalton*



Marilyn Mishler - August 31, 2025 at 05:39 PM

DB

“ *Diane Bulleigh lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dalton*



Diane Bulleigh - August 31, 2025 at 05:51 AM