



## Laurilla "Mi Mi" J. Tennis

August 9, 1933 - June 24, 2021

Laurilla J. Tennis, age 87, went home to her heavenly family Thursday, June 24, 2021 at Anderson County Hospital Residential Living Center, Garnett, Kansas

Laurilla was born August 9, 1933, to Edwin Fursman and Fannie (Hufferd) Fursman at her Grandmother Fursman's home in rural Allen County. She attended DeWitt & Onion Creek rural schools and graduated from Humboldt High School in 1951. She attended Neosho County Community Collge for 1 1/2 years and lived with an aunt in Chanute while going to college. During college she worked as a nurse's aide at Neosho Memorial Hospital and while taking care of his sister, met Merle C. Tennis, the love of her life. Laurilla and Merle were married September 6, 1953 in Humboldt, KS. He preceded her in death September 17, 2012.

When growing up Laurilla enjoyed fishing in ponds and working in the fields with her dad. Laurilla loved working in the field with Merle and taking care of their horses and cattle. When she and Merle lived in the country, Laurilla raised chickens and milked a cow and made butter and cottage cheese. When they moved back to town and after the loss of their son Bryan in 1965, Laurilla operated a day care out of their home for over 40 years. The children all called her "Mi Mi". Laurilla also enjoyed crocheting and making quilts. She also did many crafts with the children in her day care. She was active in the

First Presbyterian Church and taught bible study many years.

In addition to her parents and husband, Laurilla was preceded in death by her sons Bryan and David and her brother Carl Fursman. She is survived by her Sister in Law, Shirley Fursman and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 10:30 am at Countryside Funeral Home in Chanute, with a private burial at a later time at Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials have been suggested to the Neosho County Community College Merle and Laurilla Tennis Scholarship Fund and may be mailed to or left with 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

## Service

JUN **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel

101 N. Highland

Chanute, KS 66720

(620) 431-1220

<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Grieving a loss, Celebrating a life. Laurilla was loved by the the children in her Sunday School class. Comfort and prayers for her family.*

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**Vicki Hughes** - June 29, 2021 at 10:13 AM

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“ *I will love her for ever I really wish I could have seen her one more time but I know that they are complete in heaven now and will be watching over all of us*



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**Tina Carlsson** - June 27, 2021 at 03:40 PM