



Margaret Eloise Austin

July 23, 1922 - September 14, 2014

Margaret Eloise Austin, 92, of Severy, Kansas, passed away at her home, September 14, 2014, surrounded by all of her children. Born July 23, 1922, to John H. and Maude (Schappel) Jones, in Wichita, Kansas, the first of 3 children, Eloise, Mary Ruth (Spencer) and Evan M. Jones.

Eloise grew up and attended schools in Wichita, including 2 years at Friends University. She joined the war effort in 1942 working at Beechcraft. She met her future husband, Robert Leon Austin, of Rosalia, Kansas, in 1940, and they married after the war on December 23, 1945, and moved to Peck, Kansas, where they farmed and started their family; Roberta Fay, followed by Jack Ray. The family then moved to Towanda, KS where they farmed and here Charles Miles and Rebecca Rose were born. In 1953, the family moved to Severy, KS, where Robert Lyn, Alice Rogene and Mark Duane were born.

Eloise and “Bert”, continued farming, raising cattle and trucking during the next several years, Eloise managed Austin’s café at the Severy Junction. In the late 1960’s, Eloise ventured into healthcare, working first at Fredonia Mercy and then ending her nursing career at Greenwood County Hospital in Eureka, in 1989.

Along the way, there were many expansions to her family. Her legacy includes 24 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and 10 great-greats. She was

preceded in death by her parents, sister and husband.

Eloise has long been a member the Severy Nazarene Church since moving there in 1953. She was one of the first members of the church and held many posts over the years. The church, and her love for her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, led her to have her children in church every Sunday. Eloise also belonged to the Lend-a-Hand Club, and the UMW. She was also one of the founding members of the “unofficial” Severy Ladies Coffee Club. Her sunny disposition, ready smile and genuine interest in others were traits that characterized her. She loved people and was always quick to turn conversations to how the other person was doing – not how she was doing, even as she grew more and more ill.

Eloise’s hobbies and interests included quilting, gardening, fishing, and seeing new places, but her truest pleasure was spending time with her family and her friends. Her zest for life has left many beautiful memories for her entire family to cherish.

There will be a visitation on Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 8:00pm at Countryside Funeral Home in Howard, Ks. Funeral services will be at the Severy Nazarene Church on Wednesday morning Sept. 17th at 10:00am. Memorials have been established with Severy Nazarene Church, the Severy Senior Center, and Asera Care Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Service

SEP **17.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Severy Church of the Nazarene
217 N. Greenwood Ave.
Severy, KS 67137

Tribute Wall

GG

“ *Eloise was always so supportive and encouraging. I remember Bible Study with her and attending the Nazarene church with her there...always so faithful. I am so sorry to not have been able to go to her service in Severy. Just now found out about her passing. She was a beautiful lady. She will be missed!*



Gayle Green

Gayle Green - September 19, 2014 at 12:43 PM

RC

“ *Our hearts and prayers go our to the family of Elosie Austin. Had the pleasure of meeting Eloise and the family through my sister-in-law Betty Jo Worthington. Love and Blessings, Ray & Donna Cunningham.*

Ray & Donna Cunningham - September 18, 2014 at 12:21 PM

JC

“ *Charlie and Family, my prayers are with you. While I never had the honor of meeting your mother hearing how much she was loved, I can tell she must have been one of a million. May you find peace knowing she is with god looking down on you.*



Janelle Cox

janelle cox - September 17, 2014 at 07:15 PM

SH

“ *Shelly Hare lit a candle in memory of Margaret Eloise Austin*



Shelly Hare - September 17, 2014 at 07:03 AM

AL

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Eloise was as beautiful as she was sweet. Prayers for your comfort at this difficult time.*

Amy Lance

Amy Lance - September 16, 2014 at 10:02 PM



“ *Brittany Kenneson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Eloise Austin*



Brittany Kenneson - September 16, 2014 at 06:02 PM

KA

“ I remember a time many years ago when she moved in to her little house it was around Halloween and I dressed up in my Witches outfit and took off down to Mrs Furrow's and Eloise's house to trick or treat them. when she opened her front door she held out a bowl with a lot of candy bars and told me to take some well, I did the whole bowl full she looked at me and she said just said you must be hungry I couldn't hold it any longer I took off my mask and she seen me and we started to laugh. Your mom would have let me take all and never say put some of them back for the other kids. She was quite a Lady. I will miss her. Kathy

Kathy - September 16, 2014 at 04:42 PM

KC

“ Kathy & Ed Cornett lit a candle in memory of Margaret Eloise Austin



Kathy & Ed Cornett - September 16, 2014 at 04:24 PM

AH

“ Ame Holden lit a candle in memory of Margaret Eloise Austin



Ame Holden - September 16, 2014 at 02:59 PM

SA

“ My husband Tom and I want to extend our heart felt sympathy to you and your family at this sorrowful time in your lives.Losing a mom,a friend,and companion is a very very difficult thing to do..Keep her in your heart, throw out the bad memories, and live on the good ones and she will be with you forever...R.I.P. Eloise...”

sally ashley - September 16, 2014 at 01:40 PM

CS

“ I want to extend my sympathy to the Austin family. I remember eating many a meal at her table. She always had room for one more. Eloise was very caring and had a way of making you feel special. She was a woman to look up to.”

Caroline Scott

Caroline Scott - September 16, 2014 at 10:01 AM

 Mark Austin

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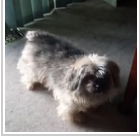
Mark Austin - September 15, 2014 at 11:21 PM

KC

“ Kathy coppotelli purchased the Sacred Cross Bouquet for the family of Margaret Eloise Austin.”



Kathy coppotelli - September 15, 2014 at 10:29 PM



“ Aunt Eloise will always hold a special place in my heart. I will miss that beautiful smile and our visits at family reunions. However, her smile can be seen on the faces of her children and grandchildren, so it's not lost. May wonderful memories bring smiles back to all of you. Love and Hugs to all of you and may you feel the loving arms of God surrounding you as you move through these sad times.



Laura Albert - September 15, 2014 at 10:09 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Eloise Austin.



September 15, 2014 at 09:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret Eloise Austin.



September 15, 2014 at 06:12 PM

FS

“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers to the Austin family. Many memories of days gone by that will live on the the hears of those who knew and loved this wonderful lady.*



Florene (Edwards) Smith - September 15, 2014 at 03:16 PM

DM

“ *There was never a time in my life that you didn't see Mrs. Austin that she didn't have a hug and and hello for you. She was always so kind to all of us kiddos from Arkansas. Whenever she was at Aunt Becky's house she was always working on some project. We are gonna miss her and her smile. Rest in peace sweet lady.*

Denise McClain - September 15, 2014 at 01:54 PM

YM

“ *Your Son, Mark lit a candle in memory of Margaret Eloise Austin*



Your Son, Mark - September 15, 2014 at 12:30 PM