



Mary Jeanette Byers

November 27, 1942 - December 10, 2024

Mary Jeanette Whitworth Byers was born November 27, 1942, in Chanute, KS to Ira Merritt Whitworth & Mary Elizabeth Gibbs Whitworth. Jeanette grew up on the Whitworth Dairy Farm, owned by her parents, along with her older sister Judy and younger brother Jerry.

Jeanette was a 1960 Graduate of Chanute Senior High School where she was a member of the Drum & Bugle Corps, playing the snare drum alongside many of her best girlfriends. During high school she also met and fell in love with Larry Dean Byers who she married on June 12, 1960, at the First Christian Church in Chanute where they were lifelong members. They celebrated just shy of 60 wonderful years of marriage until his death in April 2020.

Jeanette was a lifelong homemaker who poured all her love and energy into making a beautiful home and life for her 3 children, Mike, David, and Amy. She enjoyed home keeping, was an expert seamstress, and loved cooking for her family. She was active in her children's lives throughout their childhoods as a Cub Scout Den Mother, Girl Scout Leader, and member of the PTO. Jeanette's family expanded with the marriages of her children, and she welcomed Tina, Sharon & Brent into her home. She was then blessed and overjoyed with the arrival of her 4 grandchildren Eric, Nathan, Preston, and Molly. She and Larry never missed an opportunity to spend time with their children and grandchildren. They enjoyed traveling to support them and cheer them on in their many sporting events, activities, and milestones throughout

their lives.

In more recent years, her family grew once again as her grandchildren married and Stephanie, Casey, and Sarah joined the family. With that came the next generation and the exciting arrival of her 3 great-grandchildren, Bristol, Bo, and Eloise. Nothing was more important to Jeanette than her family and just as the sign reads that is proudly displayed above photos of all her family in her home, this beautiful life and family so precious to her was created “all because two people fell in love”.

Jeanette also loved spending time with her close friends, who became family to her, as well as her larger extended family. Over the years, Jeanette organized many wonderful family reunions, always serving her famous Meatballs (yes, they always went first). Jeanette also dearly loved her dogs, Lucky & Oliver, and spent many hours with each of them close by her side. Jeanette passed away on December 10, 2024, surrounded by her loving family just as she wanted. Jeanette’s amazing life will be celebrated in a private family ceremony. In Lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be left to the Beverly Farm Foundation at <https://givebutter.com/jbyersmem>. They can also be sent directly to Countryside Funeral Home to support the Beverly Farm Foundation (www.beverlyfarm.org).