



## Rita M. Bills

June 27, 1950 - August 22, 2018

Rita M. Bills age 68 of El Dorado, passed away on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at Via Christi St. Francis in Wichita. Rita was born on June 27, 1950 in El Dorado, KS to Edgar and Cleo Mae (Burton) Stapleford. Rita was a graduate of Severy High School, class of 1968.

Rita enjoyed always taking care of everyone. She enjoyed cooking big family dinners and spending time with her grandchildren and spoiling them. Rita also enjoyed going camping, shopping and finding and refurbishing furniture.

On June 16, 1972, Rita married Carl Johnson and they later divorced. On December 29, 2009 Rita married Frank N. Bills, in Wichita, KS, they were married until his death of January 19, 2013.

Rita is survived by:

Son:

Kent Johnson and wife Stephanie of El Dorado, KS

Daughter:

Nancy Johnson and husband Jon of El Dorado, KS

Step Children:

Debbie Batson of Severy, KS  
Jackie Bills of Severy, KS  
Teresa McKay of Severy, KS  
Kurt Thomas of Kansas City

Brothers:

John Stapleford of Golden, CO  
Raymond and wife Irene Stapleford of Severy, KS  
David and wife Sherry Stapleford of Eureka, KS  
Harold and wife Ronda Stapleford of Fredonia, KS  
Dale and wife Jackie Stapleford of Yates Center, KS

Sisters:

Patricia Stapleford of Augusta, KS  
Mary Sanford and husband Butch of Fall River, KS  
Lisa Boyer of Augusta, KS

6 Grandchildren and 5 Great Grandchildren

Rita was preceded in death by her parents; husband Frank; Brother Richard Stapleford; and nephew Blake Stapleford.

Funeral services will be held Monday, August 27, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Severy United Methodist Church with Pastor Susan Galvan officiating, burial to follow at the Greenwood Cemetery in Eureka. Visitation will be held Sunday, August 26, 2018 from 5-7 PM at Countryside Funeral Home 206 E. Washington, Howard, KS. Memorials are suggested to Susan G. Komen Cure for Cancer and or the American Diabetes Association and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidedefh.com](http://www.countrysidedefh.com) Services entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736



# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

Eureka, KS 67045

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

AUG 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Severy United Methodist Church  
104 N. Greenwood St.  
Severy, KS 67137

# Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Rita was a very kind soul and man could she cook memory of a day at the feedlot during calving season no walked away hungry Rita you will be so missed tell the big cheese that Bahama mama says hi

michele jordan - August 25, 2018 at 02:38 PM

R-

“ Roger Alan Knight -- RAKO INC.com -- purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rita M. Bills.



Roger Alan Knight -- RAKO INC.com -- - August 25, 2018 at 09:35 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rita M. Bills.



August 24, 2018 at 05:58 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Rita M. Bills.



August 24, 2018 at 05:08 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rita M. Bills.*



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August 24, 2018 at 03:52 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rita M. Bills.*



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August 24, 2018 at 03:41 PM



“ *Dear Nancy and Jon: Rita was always a joy to be around. We will miss her abundant energy, warmth, and beautiful smile! Our condolences to you and your family.*

*Dr. Steve and Sue Swartz  
Jeff Hokanson  
Grandpa Myron and Grandma Kaye Kennedy  
Jennifer Deal  
Emilie Swartz  
Steven and Casey Swartz*

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**Dr. and Sue Swartz** - August 24, 2018 at 11:08 AM

DS

“ *Dr. and Sue Swartz purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rita M. Bills.*



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**Dr. and Sue Swartz** - August 24, 2018 at 10:59 AM

 Doris Forcum

“ *Doris Forcum lit a candle in memory of Rita M. Bills*



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**Doris Forcum** - August 24, 2018 at 10:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rita M. Bills.*



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August 24, 2018 at 08:18 AM

TJ

“ *Such a beautiful, loving friend. Enjoy your dance with Frank.....and may you rest in the arms of Jesus. Love and prayers to Rita's family.*



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**Tami Jackson** - August 23, 2018 at 09:46 PM

SB

“ Dearest Rita, I was so happy to meet up with you on FB. Growing up as neighbors in Piedmont, I enjoyed you so much. You had lovely hair and a kind disposition. I know without a doubt in my heart, you are meeting up with family and friends. You are a great lady here and there. SueEllen Bodenhamer (Grove

SueEllen Bodenhamer - August 23, 2018 at 07:45 PM

TA

“ The Browns. Bob, Janice, Heath and Abby purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rita M. Bills.



The Browns. Bob, Janice, Heath and Abby - August 23, 2018 at 07:11 PM

LS

“ LaVeta J Sage lit a candle in memory of Rita M. Bills



LaVeta J Sage - August 23, 2018 at 07:10 PM

BH

“ Billie Hanson lit a candle in memory of Rita M. Bills



Billie Hanson - August 23, 2018 at 06:43 PM

TB

“ *Tim & Dana Burke lit a candle in memory of Rita M. Bills*



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**Tim & Dana Burke** - August 23, 2018 at 06:19 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Rita M. Bills.*



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August 23, 2018 at 03:45 PM

DF

“ *Dawn Hilton & Family lit a candle in memory of Rita M. Bills*



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**Dawn Hilton & family** - August 23, 2018 at 03:16 PM

MS

“ *My thoughts and Prayers are with Rita's entire family. She was a wonderful caring woman.*

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**Marlene Shinkle** - August 23, 2018 at 03:05 PM

MS

“ *Marlene Shinkle lit a candle in memory of Rita M. Bills*



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**Marlene Shinkle** - August 23, 2018 at 03:02 PM

CC

“ *Chip & Nancy Crum lit a candle in memory of Rita M. Bills*



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**Chip & Nancy Crum** - August 23, 2018 at 02:28 PM