



## Treva Jean Mears

November 21, 1935 - August 15, 2016

Treva Jean Waltermire Mears, age 80, formerly of Chanute, KS passed away on Monday, August 15, 2016 in Lake City, FL after a multi-year encounter with Alzheimer's. Treva was born on November 21, 1935 on a farm near Erie, KS, the daughter of Worth Wedd Waltermire and Jessie May Johnson Waltermire. After graduation from Erie High School in 1953, Treva graduated from Chanute Junior College in 1955 with an AA degree. She transferred to the Institute of Logopedics at Wichita University and earned an Elementary Education and Speech Language Pathology BA degree in 1957.

On June 23, 1957 at the Mount Pleasant Church in Neosho County Kansas, Treva Jean Waltermire was united in marriage to Donald Eugene Mears. She went on to earn a Master's Degree in Speech Language Pathology from Wichita State University in 1965.

Treva and Don resided in Independence, KS for many years. Treva retired from the Tri County Special Education Cooperative in Independence, where she worked as a speech pathologist. The couple moved back to Chanute in 1996.

Treva was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother Jack Waltermire and a daughter Sherri Ann Mears Ward. She is survived by a brother Jay Charles Waltermire in Garnett, KS and a sister Trula Mae Finley in Chanute, KS. One surviving son Marvin "Mark" Eugene Mears resides in Valdosta, GA.

Treva was an enthusiastic and devoted member of the First Christian Church

in Chanute.

Treva will be remembered for her ability to constructively and compassionately persevere in the face of life's adversities.

A Funeral Service will be held at the Countryside Funeral Home, Johnson Chapel in Chanute, KS on Friday, August 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Chanute. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Memorials have been suggested to the First Christian Church and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 19. 9:00 AM (CT)

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

## Service

AUG 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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101 N. Highland  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ I'm only now learning of Treva's passing. She nurtured my interest in speech pathology from an early age and helped set the stage for what would become a lifelong rewarding vocation. I remember her fondly and with much gratitude. Rest in peace, Treva.

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**Donna Goldstein** - February 15, 2023 at 10:10 AM

BA

“ So sorry to hear of Treva's passing. She was my cousin and I remember when her and her husband Don lived in Chanute and were frequent visitors to our house on S. Santa Fe. She was a hard worker, religious and a person who lived her faith. Ironically, just last week I saw the Christmas card returned for a bad address from 2015 and I was reminded that I needed to find a good address for her. My deepest sympathy to you Marvin, at your loss. Sorry I could not be there in person to attend the services.  
Betty Andersen, Vancouver, WA.

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**Betty Andersen** - August 19, 2016 at 11:31 AM

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“ The Owens "kids" and our families send our most sincere condolences to Treva's family. Some of our best memories are of visits to the Waltermire farm back when we still lived in Chanute and the "tradition" on Sunday afternoons was to take a drive to visit relatives and some of those times we would end up at the Waltermire's farm. Uncle Worth, Aunt Jessie, Treva, Trula, Jack and Jay. We always had a great time and will remember those visits forever. Linda, Barbara, Susan, Bill, Sharon and our families.

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**Barbara Owens Moon** - August 16, 2016 at 10:13 PM