



Betty Laswell

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Betty Laswell died May 23, 2021 at the age of 99 at Autumn Place Assisted Living, Columbus, KS.

She was born November 10, 1921 in Joplin, MO the daughter of Ted and Anna Lusher.

On May 25, 1944, Betty married Woody Laswell. He preceded her in death on April 25, 1991.

Betty was baptized at nine years of age at the First Baptist Church in Miami, OK where her family lived at that time. At the time of her death, she was a member of Center Christian Church, Columbus, KS. She was very fond of Pastor Tom Goettel and wife, Evon. Loving them all, she felt very blessed to worship with her brothers and sisters at Center Christian Church.

After graduating from high school in Kansas City, MO, Betty pursued her interests in education and business, obtaining certificates in both areas. For a short period of time, she taught elementary school prior to beginning her professional career in the business field. The position Betty will most likely be remembered for was serving as the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce. She always credited her boards of directors and committee members with making the Columbus community the success it was during her tenure. Throughout her years in the Columbus community, Betty was very active in many organizations, serving in leadership and committee positions. She was honored to be chosen as a recipient of the "Chris Columbus Award", and on her 90th birthday, then Mayor Marie Nepple signed a proclamation honoring Betty with the "Key to the City." Longtime friend and neighbor, Ivan Collins, made the presentation to Betty. She felt very humbled to receive both awards. In her later years, Betty enjoyed attending the Retired School Personnel meetings and fellowshiping with friends in the "Merry Hearts Club," founded and hosted by Linda Jackson. As a true Patriot of this great Nation, Betty was



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proud to be a DAR member of Three Trails West Chapter, Stilwell, KS. In 2021, Betty began writing a weekly column for the Columbus News-Report, "Generations." Her goal for writing the columns was to uplift and encourage readers, if needed, and to express her love for, both, her hometown and friends. Betty was also a loyal fan of "her boys in blue," Go Royals!, and of the Kansas City Chiefs, living long enough to see them win a NFL Championship!

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Wohlner, Kansas City, MO, and Jan Laswell Neal, Sun City West, AZ; Betty has three grandchildren, and spouses, three step-grandchildren, and spouses, numerous great-grandchildren, cousins, a nephew, and many beloved friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ted and Anna Lusher, a brother Ray Lusher, granddaughter, Beth Ann Hunter, and sons-in-law, John Neal and Pacey Wohlner.

Funeral services will be held at Center Christian Church, Columbus, KS at 10:30 am, Thursday, May 27, 2021 with Tom Goettel officiating. Following the service, lunch will be served at Center Christian Church. Interment will follow at the Park Cemetery Columbus, KS. Condolences may be left at www.bathnaylor.com. Friends may call at the funeral home their own convenience from 9am until 5pm on Wednesday. Memorials may be made to Dream Big Little One; these may be left at or mailed to the funeral home. Arrangements by Bath-Naylor Funeral Home Columbus, KS.



Events

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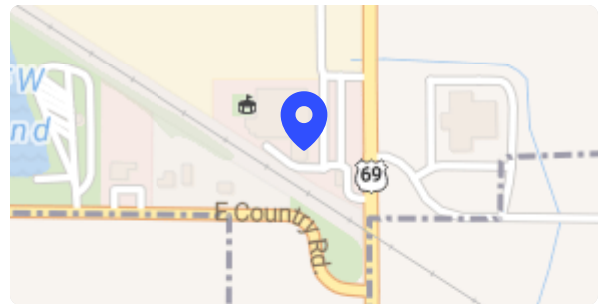
Informal Viewing

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM cst

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611 S. East Ave., Columbus KS 66725



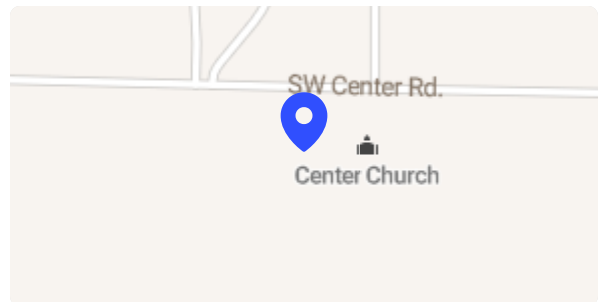
Funeral Service

Thursday, May 27, 2021

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM cst

Center Christian Church

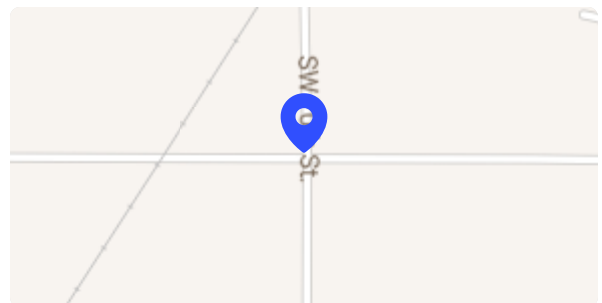
3150 SW Center Rd., Columbus KS 66725



Cemetery Details

Park Cemetery

SE Wyandotte Road, Columbus KS 66725





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Stephanie posted:

A wonderful, sweet lady who will be dearly missed. I know Woody was so happy to see her. They were wonderful neighbors who were always so kind to me. Stephanie Abram

May 26 at 7:11 AM



Anonymous sent a Blessed Heart to the Laswell family.



May 26 at 5:06 AM



Christine A Marchewka posted:

The Three Trails West Chapter (Stilwell, KS) Daughters of the American Revolution send our deepest condolences to the family and friends and all who mourn the passing of our cherished member, Betty Laswell. She was a member of our Chapter for 10 years and will be missed. Chris Marchewka, Chaplain & from all of the Three Trails West members.

May 25 at 1:59 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Laswell family.



May 25 at 10:06 AM



Angie, Annie, Bethany, Chandai, Emilie, And Keri sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Laswell family.



May 25 at 9:58 AM



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Maryetta Cunningham posted:

There's a path called Remembrance I journey down when it's time to say farewell to someone loved so dear – a friend - a neighbor – a classmate – or a special member of my church whose life etched unforgettable memories in the diary of my heart. Betty and the entire Laswell family (Woody, Jan and Pat) created many of those treasured experiences during my teenage and young adult years at First Baptist Church in Oswego. Betty and Woody directed our high school Sunday school department. They taught the high school Sunday School class each Sunday morning and led the BYF group each Sunday evening. Understanding the needs of teenagers to mingle with friends, they organized picnics, wiener roasts, taffy pulls and events with neighboring churches to share fun and worship with other teens. They led us in organizing and hosting a youth revival with ministerial students from Baylor University. Their encouragement helped to prepare me to leap out in faith to enter college with only \$75 and promise of 40 cents an hour, part-time job. The 'care boxes' Betty mailed to me during that first year away from home became encouragements to not give up when the toothpaste tube was empty and next semester's tuition was due. After Sunday church our two families spent many hours visiting together around the table enjoying Pot Roast or Fried Chicken dinner and my mother's apple pie or my daddy's hand-churned ice cream. Betty and my mother were lifelong friends, I loved Betty and when I remember her I think "Care Box" and see her joyful, happy smile. Betty, I am so happy you are 'home in heaven.'"Maryetta (Fewin) Cunningham, CCCHS 1951

May 25 at 9:44 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Betty by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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