

Formerly Atchison, KS

Betty Leona (Steele) Cave, 88, formerly of Atchison, KS was received into the presence of our Savior on Saturday, March 24, 2018 in St. Joseph, MO.

Graveside services will be 11:30 AM on Thursday, March 29th, 2018 at Memorial Park Cemetery, St. Joseph. A Celebration of Life lunch will be held immediately following at Meierhoffer Funeral Home Community Room. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the donor's preferred charitable organizations and may be sent in care of the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home, 800 Kansas Ave, Atchison, KS who is handling the arrangements. Condolences to the family may be left online at [www.beckerdyer.com](http://www.beckerdyer.com).

Betty was born on March 30, 1929 in St. Joseph, the daughter of the late August (Gus) and Kitty (Trent) Steele. She graduated from Central High School, St. Joseph, in 1947. She was an active member of the Atchison United Methodist Church where she attended the GMC Sunday School Class and Women's Circle. Betty's volunteer service included Atchison Hospital Auxiliary and Franklin School PTA where she received accolades for her spirit of generosity. Ralph and Betty enjoyed valued time with their granddaughters, traveling, walking, and relaxing on the beach, until relocating to St. Joseph, for health purposes.

Betty and her loving husband, Ralph celebrated 57 years of marriage on July 15, 2008, and were married until his passing on Feb. 27th, 2009. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, four sisters, Eleanor Alt, Helen Meyer, Marjorie Smith and Marilyn Miller; three brothers, Milton (Bud), Marvin and Walter Steele.

Betty and Ralph were blessed with two children, a son Kirk (Doris) Cave, Carrollton, TX and a daughter, Janet (Steve) Johnston, St. Joseph, three granddaughters, Jill (Nick) McKay, Atlanta, GA, Megan (Eric) Lott, St. Joseph, Ashley (Adrian) Gray, St. Joseph, one great granddaughter, Amory Gray, St. Joseph and a sister-in-law, Geneva Steele, Butler, MO.