

Centralia , KS



Judith Anne Bourne, 81, passed away peacefully on July 9, 2022.

Judy was born on April 6, 1941 in Vermillion, Kansas to Ralph and Mary (Bishop) VanGilder.

She graduated from Vermillion High School and the Clark School of Business. She married Melvin “Sonny” Bourne on a sweltering hot day, July 2, 1960 in the Vermillion Methodist Church. They were married for 62 years, while spending the last 53 of those years in Centralia. Judy spent most of her working life serving the customers at the United Bank and Trust in Seneca, KS.

Judy was the foundation for the family that she and Sonny raised. She took great joy doing what she could to serve her community and support her family. Judy enjoyed gardening, fishing, and was an avid reader. She also loved sewing and quilting, making a quilt for every grandchild’s graduation and great-grand child’s birth. She spent many a day traveling to her grandchildren’s competitions around the state and across the country. She was also a great friend to many. She enjoyed opportunities to spend time with friends and family in all settings. Judy looked forward to her visits to the casino with Sonny, family members, and friends. Recently, she cherished the time spent with friends at monthly coffee.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her infant sister.

She is survived by her husband Melvin “Sonny” Bourne of the home, her children Dawn (Mark) Lackey of Lindsborg, KS, Tracy (Jill) Bourne of Colwich, KS, and Kris (Todd) Henning of Shawnee, KS, 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Her siblings Gail (Bill deceased) White, Linda (Jerry) Ewing, Steve (Donna) VanGilder, and Jan (Kevin) Hollander.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established with both the Centralia Community Church, and the Centralia Community Fund.

Visitation with family present will be held Friday, July 15 from 6:00-8:00 PM and the service

will be held Saturday, July 16 at 10:00 AM., both being held at the West Centralia Community Church in Centralia, KS.

The family would like to thank the staff members of the Centralia Clinic, Onaga Community Hospital, Seneca EMS, KU Medical Center, and for KC Hospice House for their care and support of Judy.

Thank you to the many families and friends who supported Judy by providing meals, transportation, and companionship. Condolences may be left for the family at <http://www.lauerfuneralhome.com/>.