



Carol E. Yahns

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Carol E. Yahns, formerly of Kansas City, Missouri and Brownsville, Texas, passed away Wednesday, January 28, 2009, at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles. She was born July 21, 1921, in Foristell, Missouri, the daughter of Charles and Ella Golterman.

She attended high school in Wright City, and secretarial school in St. Louis.

While working for the Federal Government in St. Louis, then in Indiana and Tennessee, at age 24, she married Nicholas Dolan, who died shortly before their daughter was born.

She married Carl Mathis, a civil engineer with the Missouri Highway Department, and the family moved to Wright City, then Edina and Palmyra, following the highway construction. While in Edina, Carol coached the high school girls' basketball team and in Palmyra was president of the PTA. The couple had two sons prior to Carl's death in 1959.

A longtime volunteer with the American Cancer Society, Carol joined the staff of the ACS as the field representative in Northeast Missouri, before moving to Kansas City in 1960 to become the Executive Director of the Kansas City, Missouri ACS Branch, the position she held until 1977.

In 1964, Carol married Jim Yahns, an associate with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The couple was very active in the Faubian Methodist Church in Gladstone and the Ararat Shrine where Jim was a Shrine Clown. Carol worked several years as a real estate broker in the Northland area.

Avid golfers, both Carol and Jim “retired” in Brownsville, Texas. Jim died in 1993. Carol remained active in the United Methodist Church, and served as president of both the All Valley Women’s Golf Association and her condominium homeowner’s association, and served as president and a 55-Alive instructor for the local AARP chapter and part-time bookkeeper for her brother Paul’s businesses before he died.

In 2003, Carol returned to the Kansas City area and moved to the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles in 2006.

She is survived by her children, Kathi Dolan Jones of the Golden Beach community in Barnett, Tom Mathis of Overland Park, Kansas, and Wayne Mathis of North Kansas City, Missouri; her step-children, Sandy Silverburg of Golden, Colorado, and Mike Yahns of Everett, Washington; her son-in-law, Frank Jones; daughters-in-law, Jane Mathis, Lori Mathis, and Sue Yahns; grandchildren, Aleece, Lindsey, Austin, Katrina, and Cory Mathis, Jinho and Young Hu, Frankie Jones, and Brennan Garry; great-granddaughter, Jaeden; and her sister, Mariam Strunk of Wentzville, Missouri.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Kansas City, Missouri. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.