



## Eileen (Violet) Kruse

October 28, 1936 - March 5, 2021

Eileen (Violet) Kruse, age 84, of Versailles, passed away March 5, 2021, at her home. She was born and raised in Washington County, Kansas, having graduated high school with a huge class of fourteen.

She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Manhattan Christian College in Manhattan, Kansas. She obtained her teaching credits from Illinois State University, Lincoln University, CMSU, MSU, Washburn University and University of Wisconsin-Waukesha.

Eileen married Jimmy William Kruse on June 7, 1959. He preceded her in death on February 18, 2021.

She worked as a switchboard operator, bookkeeper and secretary. Eileen was also an income maintenance worker with the Kansas and Social and Rehabilitative Services. She was a foster parent and taught kindergarten, music and second grade. Between and during those jobs, she was a Sunday School teacher, church pianist or organist, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Eileen is survived by 102 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and a sister. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Guy and Elsie Violet, brother, Ivan Violet, daughter-in-law, Belia

Kruse and grandsons, Eric Kruse, Daniel Schad and Brian Schad and her son, Tim Kruse.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 11th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Hopewell Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the New Hope Christian Community or to TRU Ministry.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

# Cemetery Details

## Hopewell Cemetery

19700 Highway C  
Barnett, MO 65011

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel  
207 North Monroe St.  
Versailles, MO 65084  
(573) 378-4655

## Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

VU

“ We met Eileen briefly in Vancouver, B.C.in 1957? but she has remained a friend all these years. We remember her as living a Christ-like life - gracious, loving, kind, sympathetic, concerned for others, and an encourager. What a gal! We will miss your phone calls, cards and letters. Viola Unger, Spokane, Wa.

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**Viola Unger** - March 29, 2021 at 07:43 PM

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“ Prayers of comfort Ginny and families. I will have forever memories of Eileens stunning smile, pure spirit, and words of wisdom always. She was gifted with compassion, humor, beauty, and gracious spirit to name but a few. Hugs to all.

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**Nita** - March 10, 2021 at 10:02 PM

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“ Eileen was a 2nd mother to so many and I count myself one of them. In high school I was blessed to meet her daughter Oneta and I was taken in as one of her own. I spent Sunday evenings after church eating frozen pizza. The strength and love she modeled showed through in everything she said and did. Her dedication to God and given the gift of God's love to others was lived in everything she did. You can see her through her children and grandchildren. The love they share with each other and with others is a true testament to what Eileen and Jim modeled to them. Family love was a theme that is evident in all of their lives. They saw it in their parents/grandparents, felt it and they live it. As Eileen is reunited with Jim and Tim we miss her and them, but we know someday as we are one in Christ we will reunite with them as well. We can only hope we will hear the same words I know they heard as they entered those beautiful gates to sit at the feet of our Savior "Well done, good and faithful servant." Eileen, I will miss our letters we have sent back and forth for the last few years. Thank you for the lessons and the acceptance and the love. Thank you for the role model. Thank you for the family. Rest in peace and in the security of Jesus' arms. You are loved! DeAnn :0)

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DeAnn M. Cornwell - March 09, 2021 at 07:34 AM