



Eleanor G. Hughes

March 11, 1923 - January 6, 2012

Eleanor G. Hughes, age 88, of Versailles, passed away Friday evening, January 6, 2012, at her home. She was born March 11, 1923, in Walden, Colorado, the daughter of the late Martin and Alene Hicks Smith.

On August 8, 1942, in Kimball, Nebraska, she was united in marriage to Jim Frank Hughes, who preceded her in death on August 16, 1970.

In 1948, Eleanor obtained ownership of the Versailles Greenhouse and operated it until her retirement in 2003.

She was a member of the Versailles United Methodist Church, the Women's Civic Club, Evening Sorosis, and was a charter member of the Rolling Hills Country Club.

She enjoyed gardening; especially taking care of her rose bed, was an avid reader, and loved spending quality time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Eleanor is survived by her son, Jerry Hughes and wife Vici of Warrensburg, Missouri; her daughter, Candy Stephens and husband Ronnie of Warrensburg, Missouri; eight grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; her brother, Martin Smith of Wyoming; her sister, Joyce Martin of Troy, Illinois; and

many other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Jim T. "Skip" Hughes, and three sisters, Lilah Forbes, Edna Marion Carlson, and Francie Bujack.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, January 10, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Pastor Dan Adkison officiating. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Carol Dyetta Hughes Literacy Program, University of Central Missouri, 203 Multipurpose Building, Warrensburg, Missouri 64093.

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

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

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Tribute Wall

RL

“ I have great memories of being at Skip's house/greenhouse in middle grade school, and while we were watching Howdy Doody, Eleanor would bring us cokes and snacks. After I moved to Palo Alto, California, any time I'd want to send flowers to somebody in Versailles, I'd call the Greenhouse, and Eleanor would often answer and take my order, and we'd trade info about life in between order items.

-Bob Lutman

Robert Lutman - January 12, 2012 at 07:41 PM

TK

“ Ronnie and Candy, I wanted to let you know I'm thinking about you in the passing of your mother and mother-in-law, Mrs. Hughes. I still have pleasant memories of your father, Jim Frank, and your uncle, Met. They were wonderful to know at the Rolling Hills Country Club in the late 1950s. It was a pleasure to recall Jim Frank being president of the R-2 School Board at the alumni banquet nine years ago. Jerry, I notice you've done wonderful work as the athletic director at UCM.



Tom Kerr
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Tom Kerr - January 11, 2012 at 06:16 PM

KM

“ My condolences to the Hughes family.
Kathy Keth-Moore

Kathy Keth Moore - January 11, 2012 at 05:27 PM

MD

“ Eleanor will be missed. I remember going up to her greenhouse when I was younger, and around Easter time and Mother's day she would always have the prettiest flowers for us. She was a wonderful lady. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Hughes family.

Mary Ellen Dunnaway - January 11, 2012 at 10:12 AM

NL

“ Eleanor will be missed. Just seeing the light in the window next to the Greenhouse these past years brought a warm smile to my heart. Eleanor brought so much beauty into my life, through flowers and kind words. Eleanor didn't just take flower orders, she heard stories behind the order..and all orders have a story..and she cared. The quality of care she gave in her professional life was only amplified in her personal life. The beauty she shared was not in just what she sold...it was her spirit and her care for all of us.
Thank you to the Hughes family for sharing your mother with our community all those years. It was a blessing to know her.
Nita Loganbill

Nita Loganbill - January 10, 2012 at 12:35 PM

DM

“ Debbie (Gerber) McCollom lit a candle in memory of Eleanor G. Hughes



Debbie (Gerber) McCollom - January 09, 2012 at 11:37 PM

TG

“ I loved working for Eleanor and her son, Skip many years ago. She taught me many things. She was a classy lady. She was well loved and cared about the needs of all her customers. I will long remember two of her favorite quotes: When asked by grieving customers, "How do you survive the death of your husband?" she would reply, "Nothing has changed, it's just different?" Other times when asked how to revive a "dead plant" she would come into the work room and say, "Why can't people understand that all living things must die sometime". I'm so glad I got to know Eleanor and will treasure her memory forever. Sympathy to each member of her family. Twila Garber and husband Homer

Twila Garber - January 09, 2012 at 08:59 PM

KC

“ Such a sweet and wonderful lady! I will miss you at the Rams game. Prayers to Jerry, Vici and family.

Karen Crews

Karen crews - January 09, 2012 at 02:12 PM

BH

“ Mrs. Hughes was an important figure in my life and I know she touched so many lives. She was my first employer and over time served as a wise mentor, a confessor, a surrogate grandmother figure and finally as a touchstone for my years growing up in Verasailles. She was such an awesome lady with a quiet strength that carried her family and thier business. Her work ethic and perseverance were idelible examples for me. I was really lucky to know her and be part of her life. I enjoyed seeing her these last few years at Missouri football games and will miss her dearly. My prayers and sympahty are with her family and the community that lost her.

Brian Hall

Brian Hall - January 09, 2012 at 10:57 AM

JB

“ What a wonderful sweet lady! She will be missed by all. Prayers to all her family and friends.

Jane Bolton - January 08, 2012 at 02:52 PM



“ *My dear Aunt Eleanor taught me so many things, she walked me through the green house and told me the names of every plant and how to care for each one. She showed me the art of flower arranging and she tried so hard to teach me how to make a bow, the one thing I didn't learn even to this day. A little bird fell out of the nest and she taught me how to feed him. She taught me how a smile can go a lot further than a frown. We always had so much fun when we were with Eleanor, she gave us jars so we could catch the fireflies and pretend the jars were lanterns. As time went on my time with Aunt Eleanor grew few and far between but she never left my heart. I will always love you and I will see you again when God calls me home*

Your Loving Niece Debby Smith Burk

Debby Smith Burk - January 08, 2012 at 01:24 PM

CB

“ *I have not seen my Aunt Eleanor since my Mother's, Frances Bujack's funeral in 1996. But I am so sorry that she has passed. I do remember how loving she was to my mother, her family and her brother martin and sister joyce. Rest in peace... Cissy Bujack*



Cissy Bujack - January 08, 2012 at 11:29 AM

RL

“ *She was a very strong person having many family losses starting at an early age. She will be missed.*

Rick Lujin - January 07, 2012 at 07:10 PM

AH

“ *Eleanor Hughes was a gracious lady. I know she will be missed by many. My sympathy to her family and friends.*

Adelia (DeeDee) Hutchison - January 07, 2012 at 11:16 AM

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Tom Kerr - January 11, 2012 at 05:58 PM