



## Josephine Brown

January 14, 1937 - November 1, 2021

Savilla Josephine “Jo” Brown, age 84, of Laurie, Missouri, passed away Monday, November 1, 2021 at Arrowhead Senior Living, Osage Beach, Missouri. She was born, January 14, 1937 in Moko, Arkansas, a daughter of Judge and Bernice (White) Barnett.

On June 22, 1956 in Oklahoma, she was united in marriage to Kenneth T. Brown. Together they shared sixty-two years of marriage before his passing on February 5, 2019.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Dale Barnett and a sister, Jean Dillard.

Survivors include two sisters, Gwen Trader of Kansas City, Missouri and Carol Dirks and husband John of Independence, Missouri; a niece, Sheila Kimmel and husband Jerry of Kansas City, Missouri; a great-niece Sarah Kimmel-Ravenscraft; a great-nephew, Joseph Kimmel; a great-great-nephew, Liam Ravenscraft and other relatives and friends.

Jo was raised in Arkansas and after her marriage to Ken, they made their home in Kansas City for a short time. They moved to the Lake of the Ozarks and started Combined Insurance in Sunrise Beach. The later founded Golden Beach Marina, owning it until their retirement in December of 1986.

She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie. In her spare time, Ken and Jo enjoyed traveling all over the world. She was very community minded and was generous to all.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, November 4, 2021, at the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie with Father John Schmitz celebrating. Graveside services and interment will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Laurie. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Thursday, at the church.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick Cemetery

800 Highway O  
Laurie, MO 65038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
176 Marian Dr.  
Gravois Mills, MO 65037  
<http://www.stpatrickcatholicchurch.org>

## Funeral Mass

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CP

“ My Mom Dorothy Wheeler was a good friend of Jo and Ken. She and Jo sat in the back of the church and visited every week, talking on the phone every day. When my Mom died on April 7 2020 Jo was one of the first I told. And I continued to call Jo every month just to catch up. She was always upbeat and I loved talking to her. My heart is broken learning that she has died, I will miss those visits. I knew something had happened when I couldn't reach her but didn't know the reason. I sent a Christmas card to her recently. I hope she knew I thought I lot of her and will miss her. My prayers and thoughts go out to her family.



Cathy Palmer

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Cathy Palmer - December 09, 2021 at 01:23 PM

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“ Ken and Jo Brown were my wife's ( Yvonne ) aunt and uncle . We had traveled to the Lake of the Ozarks many times and were always greeted with a wonderful and loving sense of hospitality. In 2018 we lost Yvonne and shortly after Ken died, and now Jo; that has left a huge void in my life, but we must always remember the fun and joy that we had as we shared those beautiful family memories. We talked of the humble beginnings of both Ken and Jo, Ken growing up in St. Thomas , Mn. and Jo growing up in the Ozarks. I had talked to Jo recently and one of the things I will never forget , she always had a great attitude in spite of all the ups and downs of life. I know that both Jo and Ken lived and loved their lives to the fullest and they both loved God.

Robert Hillman  
St. Cloud, MN.

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Robert D Hillman - November 17, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ Ken and Jo, were such an important part of my early life, I was glad to speak with Jo a couple of years ago with Kens passing. I am so sorry to hear of her passing, and having missed the service. I met Jo, when my parents met with Ken and Jo at Gravois Mill, (The connection was Combined Insurance) and we went by their boat to Golden Beach and it was the beginning of a warm relationship with them until they left the Marina, but even then from to time I would see them, I learned to drive their tractor, picked up the garbage and hauled it to the dump, move boats, Fishing on the Dock, or the Fish House pumping gas, on weekends. I Welded on weekends at their place of business on aluminum boats, roasted hot dogs in front of their place and ate with the Brown's, the Hansons, and the Johnson's almost all year long with a break from Thanksgiving to March 1st. I always stopped and visited when I would come to the Lake which was almost weekly as a adult. I will never forget either of them, and how much I learned from both growing up! I still own the Cabin at the Lake, and I still refer to the houses as Ken and Jo's, Betty and Leo's, and all the first owners after the Resort was subdivided! What Great People, with the smiley face signs and always a "you bet ya" from Ken! Rob Johnson Cabin #6, and Jefferson City

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**Rob Johnson** - November 06, 2021 at 01:07 PM