



Revah L. Stokes

July 23, 1911 - November 12, 2021

REVAH STOKES

Revah Leon (Hafer) Stokes, age 110, of Salina, Kansas, passed away Friday, November 12, 2021 at Eaglecrest Assisted Living in Salina, Kansas. She was born July 23, 1911 in Alliance, Nebraska a daughter of the late Robert and Alma (Foster) Hafer.

On January 4, 1931 in West Plains, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Glenn L. Stokes. Born to them into the union were three children, Virginia Smith, James Stokes and John Lloyd Stokes.

Revah was employed at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as a switchboard operator for twenty years at both Versailles, Missouri and Eldon, Missouri on the Lake of the Ozarks.

Revah enjoyed flower gardening and she hand-pieced together various sized quilts for friends and family members. She sang with the Salina RSVP Singers for many years. She was an active member of Salina Heights Christian Church. Revah especially cherished family gatherings and birthday parties.

Survivors include seven grandchildren, Mark Smith, Rick Smith, Kent Smith, Jeff Stokes, Kelly (Stokes) Fleming, John David Stokes and Jacquelyn

(Stokes) Ross; many great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Alma (Foster) Hafer; her husband, Glenn L. Stokes; three children, Virginia (Stokes) Smith, James Stokes and John Lloyd Stokes; her siblings, Emily Holden, Earl Hafer, Helen Hafer, Hazel Ward and Esther Ensminger; a grandson, Jay Stokes and a great-great-grandson, Asher Smith.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 19, 2021 at Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles. Burial will follow in Versailles Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1:00-2:00 p.m., Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Versailles Cemetery Association.

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

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

NOV 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“It’s the little things that seem to stand out the most to me — her affinity for quilting, her hymnful humming while doing so, her canning operation - wow! When she stayed with us and the stories she shared. The Postcards I sent her in my early days of exploration, such a joy to share my journeys with her. Her laugh. Her strong Christian Faith. Thank You Jesus - what she led by example (1 Samuel 26:23).

I’m sure everyone here has memories much like mine. They are good memories, something we’ll always have to cherish. It isn’t often in our lives that we come across someone so special that that person stays with you forever. Grandma Revah was that kind of person.

She lived a simple life. It didn’t take much to make her happy—a phone call, a card, a visit or a hug before saying good bye. We were the most important people in the world to her. She lived to make our lives better and was proud of us.

To think that someone like her felt that way about us should make us all feel more than just a little good. We can never forget that there is a part of her in each of us, something that she gave to us and asked nothing for in return.

Money can be squandered and property ruined, but what we inherited from her cannot be damaged, destroyed or lost. It is permanent, and it keeps her from becoming just a wonderful memory. It allows her in so many ways to remain just as alive as always—alive through us and her Christian teachings, lest we forget.

There have been and will be times in our lives when situations arise where we’ll want so much to talk to her, be with her or ask her just what we should do. I hope that, when those times come, we can begin to look to each other and find that part of her that she gave to each of us.

Maybe we can learn to lean on each other and rely on each other the way we always knew that we could with her. Maybe then she won't seem quite so far away.

So, for your wisdom, your humor, tenderness and compassion, your understanding, your patience and your love; thank you, Grandma. After you, Revah, the mold was indeed broken. Thank you so much. I love you and will miss you. As Ally taught us to say "Se ya, Love ya".

John Stokes (Grandson) - November 18, 2021 at 04:00 PM

MD

“ *We knew Revah through church and her son Don and his family. Revah always had a smile on her face and was so glad to see you. Errol and Mary Douglass, Salina KS*



Mary Douglass - November 17, 2021 at 06:18 PM

LL

“ *What a special lady! I often sat in the same row with Revah at church and so enjoyed our visits about how our week had gone. Raising sheep, I often missed several Sundays during lambing in January and February. When I would return, she would smile, shake her finger at me and say, "I've been taking attendance and you've been absent." What a beautiful, Christian lady.*

Larry Laas - November 17, 2021 at 10:47 AM

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“*Revah, was my great inspiration in my life. Her letters gave me hope and inspired me to LIVE my life. I spent a lot of time working with her and she had a quite gentle knowledge of living the best life. The world could be a much better, if we had more Revahs. She will always be in my heart, I will miss her very much. Sorry I can't be there, But she will be in Heaven.*

JoAnn Tannehill

JoAnn Tannehill - November 16, 2021 at 05:34 PM

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“*JoAnn Tannehill lit a candle in memory of Revah L. Stokes*



JoAnn Tannehill - November 16, 2021 at 05:25 PM

DB

“*My Heart is Broken at having heard Reva had passed. And I thank God for her long life. if not for that I would not have gotten to know this beautiful soul. She told you like it was, she was always and you listened to what she said. As much as my heart hurts right now. I am so happy that she is with her Heavenly Family now. Her strength got her through so many things many of us would not have. Her husband and all three of her children passing before her. So hard to endure, she was so strong. I only knew Virginia and Don and their 3 sons who were always there for Grandma, for anything at any time. Thank you Rick, Mark and Kent for sharing your Beautiful Loving Special Grandma with us all.*

Donna Monasmith Bowden Salina KS

Donna Bowden - November 16, 2021 at 01:19 PM

BB

“ Love you forever, like you for always, as long as I’m living my “other” Mom you’ll be. There is not enough paper to share the many lessons that Revah taught me, but for sure it is her unwavering courage and strength during periods of sadness that I found to be the most revealing. Revah’s faith in God was never in question as she followed God’s teachings, even without saying a word, she was teaching us about God’s love.



Also amazing, was her energy. Revah would call us out of the blue to tell us she was coming to visit, a welcome surprise -- however, I always knew I was in for her amazing ability to outwork me. While my husband Jim, (Revah’s son) and I were at work, how is it that an 80 something year old woman can plant 40 feet of irises along my rock fence wall, pick up all the broken twigs in the yard, rake them into a nice pile, catch up on the laundry, polish my Revere Ware, and voilà, Jim and I would return home to an awesome home cooked meal on the table. And it didn’t stop there... after doing the dishes, she retired to our living room where she would pull out her tattered cardboard cigar box, held together with an old rubber band, filled with quilting pieces, and she would begin “hand” quilting her fabric pieces together while hearing her faint soft humming of her favorite Church hymns. Revah was always making a quilt for some young married couple or a new grandbaby or for one of her many grandchildren, actually any special occasion would be just enough motivation for Revah to make another “hand” made quilt.

Jim and I always tried to offer up our help with the chores, but as “Moms” will do, especially Revah, she claimed to enjoy doing things around our house, because she wanted Jim and I to take it easy after our long day at work. Well, what can I say ... Moms will be Moms ... and I call that truly a Mom’s love for her children in action.

Thank you Revah, my hero, my guiding light ... my “other” Mom.

See ya, Love ya, your other daughter, Bette (Stokes) Bray

Bette (Stokes) Bray - November 15, 2021 at 10:22 PM

LH

“ *Revah was one of a kind! I always appreciated her interest in our kids lives as they grew into adulthood. She never lacked for conversation during our visits and always had a story to tell. I remain impressed and inspired by her insistance to regularly send her offering for the church which always included a long newsy letter. What a treasure!* ”

Lana Heaton - November 15, 2021 at 09:15 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Smith lit a candle in memory of Revah L. Stokes* ”



Brenda Smith - November 15, 2021 at 08:05 PM