



Rosemary Butts

March 11, 1925 - December 23, 2023

ROSEMARY BUTTS

Rosemary Purvis was born on March 11, 1925, at Purvis, Missouri to George Ivy and Ora Hill Purvis, who both preceded her in death. She passed away on December 23, 2023 surrounded by family.

On January 14, 1946 she was married to her beloved husband, Dr. Charles B. Butts who preceded her in death.

She graduated from Gravois Mills School in 1943. Because of the war she was able to test and receive a special teaching certificate and taught school at the age of 19 at the Wilson Bend area at the Lake of the Ozarks. When Charles was accepted at the Chicago College of Optometry they moved to Chicago and spent three years there. In July of 1950, they moved to California, MO where Charles went into practice with his grandfather. In 1956 they bought their cottage at the Lake of the Ozarks, near Purvis Beach. They spent many enjoyable times at the lake, later living there once Charles retired. They loved to travel and got away often. In later years, they spent many vacations taking their grandchildren on trips in their RV. They became "winter Texans" in 1993.

Rosemary had a love for writing and singing. She loved to write and during

her teenage years began what became a lifetime of writing about her life, her family, her love for the Ozark hills and the lake and her faith. She even had a book published with some of her writings. She always gave credit to God for her ability to write and sing.

She is survived by her sons, Philip and his wife Doris, Randy and his wife Deanna and daughter, Debby and her husband Dr. Jerry King. She was preceded in death by her son, Christopher J Butts. She is survived by twelve grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two grandchildren. She also was preceded in death by her three sisters and two brothers.

In her own words "What I want people to say when I'm gone is she made a difference"

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday April 20, 2024 at Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church. Visitation will be from one hour prior to the service at the church. Inurnment was in Ozark Chapel Cemetery.

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

Cemetery Details

Ozark Chapel Cemetery

305 North Main Street
Gravois Mills, MO 65037

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church
305 N. Main St.
Laurie, MO 65038

Service

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Tribute Wall

HA

“ I took care of Mrs. Rosemary at Valley Park West up until her death. She was always chipper in the mornings as long as she had her coffee. She attended church services until the end of her life and was always willing to sing in the dining room for other residents to enjoy. Rosemary was an absolute fireball and loved her family wholeheartedly as she mentioned her “ Randy and Flip” often through stories. Nothing made her prouder than knowing she made a beautiful family with her loving husband Charles. She would tell stories of lake days and the “big flood” often all with a smile of her face, some of her favorites to share were ones of Travis. It was truly a privilege to take care of this lady and meet her family. In the words of Sonny and Cher that I would often say to her throughout the day “I got you babe” □



Hannah - July 03, 2025 at 08:54 PM

DL

“ My favorite memory of Rosemary was at Camp Red Bud, circa 1962, during an MYF Retreat. We were gathered at sunset for Evening Watch on the bank of The Lake of The Ozarks. Rosemary sang, “Now the Day is Over” in her beautiful soprano. Sixty-two years later, I can still remember the feelings of peace and beauty that scene evoked in my sixteen year old self. Thank you, Rosemary, for all the beautiful music you have provided during your earthly existence. God’s angel choir has gained a powerful voice (and she needs to sit toward the front).

Dave Lawson - April 16, 2024 at 04:02 PM

JC

“ Rosemary was a beautiful lady in and out. She had such a beautiful voice and always seemed to be smiling. I remember babysitting for you kids when you were young. We were blessed to have her in our lives. Her memory lives on. Fond memories of the family. Love,
Jeanie Alexander Cotten

Jeanie Alexander Cotten - January 09, 2024 at 10:27 AM

SG

I knew Rosemary through my sister Shirley Moore. I knew her daughter-in-law Doris. I so enjoyed listening to her sing. I was blessed to sing in the choir at the California Methodist Church, which Mr. Peterman directed at times. I am one of the "Bower" twins...Sue. I am so sorry to learn of her death. God bless Rosemary's family, and I pray for the repose of her soul.

Sue Beth (Bower) Goedde - April 13, 2024 at 10:22 AM

KD

I loved the fact that she knew so much about the History of this small community of Laurie! I always would call her if I needed to know any thing. She went back as far as when this Lake of the Ozarks was first built.. I was given a picture of Laurie when Moore's was just a single, man made, one room building and the saw mill was out back.. She was the one we all loved. So beautiful, so caring and lovable besides knowledgeable and very intelligent. I was always in AWE when I talked with her. The last good times we had with her was at Chances R. We just happened to be there with one of the family with her.! She would always come visit with us before she left. I will miss that sweet lady.
Karen Dobbins

Karen Dobbins - April 18, 2024 at 01:42 AM