



Joanne "Jody" Clevenger

September 26, 1932 - December 19, 2016

Joanne (Crismas) Clevenger, 84, passed away Monday, December 19, 2016 in Wichita, Kansas.

Joanne was born September 26, 1932 in Howard, KS the daughter of Clarence and Hattie Crismas. She attended Howard High School, graduating with the class of 1950. She went on to attend Coffeyville Junior College, Emporia State University and Wichita State University, graduating in 1958 with her Master's degree. She taught 1st and 2nd grade for USD 259 in Wichita, before retiring after 39 years in 1992. During this time, she received the Outstanding Reading Teacher Award, as well as being a Wichita Eagle All Star Teacher. She married Eldon Clevenger on August 12, 1955 at Riverside Christian Church in Wichita. The couple did not have children. Joanne was a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority, and a member of the National Narcolepsy Network. Through her membership with the Narcolepsy Network, she traveled extensively for twelve years attending conventions, as well as maintaining a local narcolepsy network in the midwest. Joanne took great pride in her flower gardens, she loved to go "junking" and had immeasurable love for animals; especially her cats. She will best be remembered for her extreme generosity to anyone who asked for her help.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Eldon Clevenger; her parents, Clarence and Hattie Crismas; her grandparents Brice and Rebecca Davis and James and Melissa Crismas. No other family survives.

The funeral service for Joanne will be Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at

2:00 p.m.. at Countryside Funeral Home, located at 206 E. Washington, in Howard, Kansas, followed by interment at Grace Lawn Cemetery, Howard. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association and the American Heart Association.

Cemetery Details

Grace Lawn Cemetery

Howard, KS 67349

Previous Events

Service

DEC **28**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Tribute Wall

JA

“Mrs. Clevenger was my first and second grade teacher at OK Elementary School in Wichita. I remember her as a kind, patient teacher. I was very fortunate to have been in her class. Judy Coffey Antrim Mesa Az

Judy Kathleen Antrim - December 02, 2024 at 02:45 PM

MB

“Joanne was my Dad's first Cousin, (Dale Baumgartel) Joanne always made it a point to visit my mother when she was in town, my Mother redone some Dolls for Joanne several years ago. I just got reacquainted with Joanne about three years ago, wish I would have known her better as she was interesting to talk to. Marlin Baumgartel

Marlin Baumgartel - December 28, 2016 at 07:19 AM

EH

“We were so sad to hear of Joanne's passing. We are very grateful Joanne was a loyal member and donor of Narcolepsy Network for many years. She supported us in many ways.
Eveline Honig, MD, MPH
Executive Director, Narcolepsy Network, Inc.
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Eveline Honig - December 27, 2016 at 03:01 PM

GH

“ Jody was my mother’s first cousin. Her mother (Hattie) was my grandfather’s (Raymond Davis) sister. In our younger years our families visited back and forth often and Jody and I played together and were good friends. She was two years older than I. More recently we have communicated by letter and phone occasionally and my wife Doris and I visited her on her 80th birthday and a few other times before that..

Gene Hardinger - December 27, 2016 at 01:49 AM

GM

“ Joanne was my dad's first cousin. Her mother was my Grandad's (Raymond Davis) sister.
Joanne and I corresponded after my father died, and continued to do so until recently. She was always interested in family history, and wrote about Howard, Kansas.

gay davis miller - December 21, 2016 at 06:46 PM