



Betty Jo Killingsworth-Jenkins

June 10, 1931 - May 2, 2026

Betty Jo Killingsworth Jenkins, 94, of Shawnee, KS passed away May 2, 2026 at her home surrounded by family. She was born on June 10, 1931, near Ash Grove in Lawrence County, Missouri, to Voisy Henry Mynatt and Mary Lou Pansy (Grotz) Mynatt. She attended school in Ash Grove and spent most of her life in the Kansas City area, where she devoted herself to her home and family.

Betty's life was rooted in love, connection, and caring for those around her. She worked for 20 years as an aid to others at Providence Medical Center. She also owned and operated the Greenfield Opry where they had comedy and music performances and often showed Smoky and the Bandit. Betty loved country music and was a member of the Top Railers Square Dance Club. Her family was at the heart of everything she did, from cooking cherished breakfasts at the lake house, moments everyone eagerly anticipated, to hosting her beloved Friday nights filled with cards, tacos, laughter, and togetherness. She had a natural gift for bringing people together, often taking the lead in planning family reunions and gatherings that created lasting memories. Warm and welcoming, Betty never met a stranger. She had a way of making everyone feel seen, valued, and truly special. Whether through a thoughtful conversation or one of her many phone calls just to check in, she stayed closely connected to the people she loved. Betty had a lifelong friendship that spanned over 90 years with her dear friend Willie Long. In every sense, she was the glue that held her family and friends together,

leaving behind a legacy of kindness, hospitality, and unwavering devotion. Betty is preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Jimmy Killingsworth; late spouse of 15 years, Denzel Jenkins; four children, Gary Killingsworth, Randy Killingsworth, Deanna Brunner, and Jana Killingsworth; great grandson Gary Neil Flinn; her parents and siblings Anna Lee Hagler, Helen Irene Mitchell, Onas H Mynatt and Dossie Mynatt.

She is survived by her grandchildren Lynn Flinn (Neil), Ricky Killingsworth (Kim), Micah Killingsworth, and Jason Brunner (Renee); step children Charyl Anderson, Terry Jenkins, and Jerry Trussel (Ann); daughter in law Karri Killingsworth; son in law Jim Brunner; 12 great grandchildren; and 5 great-great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held from 1:00-2:00 PM, followed by Funeral Services at 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAY 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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