



## Betty L. Wahaus

December 28, 1933 - June 9, 2013

### BETTY L. WAHAUS

Betty L. Wahaus was born on December 28, 1933 in Boone County, AR to Elijah and Amy (Murphy) Fagan. She was the first of four daughters. Betty's early childhood was filled with the simple pleasures of living in the country--listening to the rain on a tin roof and hoot owls and whippoorwills, drinking crystal-clear water from a spring below their two-room cabin, playing with her dog "Tuffy", getting chocolate pop on their weekly trips into town, sleeping deep in a feather mattress at her grandparents. Her family moved to the Armordale area in Kansas City in 1941. While there, her father was drafted into the army in WWII.

Betty attended Central Junior High, and then Turner High School. She graduated in 1952 along with her High School sweetheart, LeRoy Wahaus. They married in 1955, and moved to the Morris area. In the next 2 years their daughter, Leslie, and son, Kevin, were born. The family moved to Lawrence in 1958 and were blessed with the birth of another son, Eric. During this time she busied herself with children, home, extended family, church, and community work. Their next move took them to Shawnee in 1967 and a few years later, another daughter, Erin, was born. Betty and Roy were very involved with all of their children's activities—school, church, and sports. They rarely, if ever, missed the boys' baseball games or Erin's volleyball, basketball, and many softball games.

The family continued to grow as Leslie married Johnny Phifer and Kevin

married Darlene Hatch. Three sons were born to Johnny and Leslie. Kevin and Darlene had a son and twin daughters, and Eric had a daughter. In 1998, Betty and Roy built a house on her parents' farm in Basehor. Three granddaughters-in-law and five great-grandsons continued to add to the family.

Although home-making was her primary role, Betty also worked as a Realtor, a floral designer, a typist, and a church secretary. She was very artistic and loved music of all genres. Her home and yard were filled with beautiful flowers. She also did extensive research into her family's genealogy. Betty traveled with her family throughout the country and then Europe and Australia. Camping trips were especially memorable and fun for her. Betty's church always benefited from her singing in the choir, her leading and teaching in the Sunday School department, and her smiles and hugs as she greeted those who walked through the doors.

Betty will be missed by all who knew her. In addition to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she leaves her sisters, Sarah Hite, Joyce Weddle, and Kathy Bates, nieces and nephews, family and friends too numerous to mention. She passed from this life to join her loved ones on Sunday, June 9, 2013 at Sweet Life of Shawnee. Memorials may be made to the Kansas City Chapter of the Alzheimer's Foundation and New Life Family Church, Kansas City, KS.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 12.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
3300 Shawnee Dr  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 831-3345  
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com  
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

## Service

**JUN 13.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty L. Wahaus*



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**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - June 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Betty L. Wahaus*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Betty L. Wahaus*

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September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *I have loving memories of Betty and your family. When chains are broken, God has a way of repairing the break through his Grace. My sincere sympathy to your family.*

*Carolyn Wahaus*

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**Carolyn Wahaus** - June 14, 2013 at 05:17 PM

DN

“ Eric, so very sorry for the loss of your Mother. My prayers are with you and your family.

Dusty Nichols - June 13, 2013 at 11:33 AM

TW

“ Tim & Dianne White purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Betty L. Wahaus.



Tim & Dianne White - June 13, 2013 at 07:01 AM

KW

“ 21 files added to the album New Album Name



Kevin Wahaus - June 12, 2013 at 09:24 AM



“ Brenda Olson lit a candle in memory of Betty L. Wahaus



Brenda Olson - June 11, 2013 at 05:14 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Betty L. Wahaus.



June 11, 2013 at 05:05 PM



“ Joyce, Kim, Kent and Traci purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Betty L. Wahaus.



Joyce, Kim, Kent and Traci - June 11, 2013 at 03:58 PM



“ Anita Vanderpool purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Betty L. Wahaus.



Anita Vanderpool - June 11, 2013 at 03:37 PM



“ Debbie Martin lit a candle in memory of Betty L. Wahaus



Debbie Martin - June 11, 2013 at 02:27 PM

DM

*I am so sorry for your loss!*

**Debbie Martin** - June 11, 2013 at 02:37 PM

KW

“ 42 files added to the tribute wall



**Kevin Wahaus** - June 11, 2013 at 01:27 PM

MJ

*So sorry for your loss!! Mary Tinsley Jeffers*

**Mary Tinsley Jeffers** - June 11, 2013 at 08:40 PM

MG

*What a beautiful memorial tribute in honor of your mother. She was loved by many and I have so many fond memories of her. May peace be with you and your family at this time. Malinda Grier*

**Malinda Grier** - June 12, 2013 at 09:11 AM

KW

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



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**Kevin Wahaus** - June 11, 2013 at 12:58 PM

KW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Kevin Wahaus** - June 11, 2013 at 12:51 PM

KW

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Kevin Wahaus** - June 11, 2013 at 12:48 PM