



Dorothy Jean Kroh

November 18, 1930 - March 18, 2023

DOROTHY JEAN HART KROH

Dorothy Jean Hart Kroh was born to Isaac Newton Hart and Lulu Irene Hart on November 18, 1930 in Argentine, KS and moved at the age of 2 to the Hart Farm in the Morris community of Wyandotte County, KS. On Dorothy's first day of high school, she spotted a boy named Clifford Lee Kroh and said to friends, "High school isn't going to be so bad if the boys all look like that." After two years at Kansas State University, Dorothy and Lee married on September 15, 1950 and their love affair lasted 68 years.

Dorothy and Lee moved from Morris to nearby Merriam, KS in 1959, where they lived for 60 years. Dorothy was a stay-at-home mom and Lifetime Member of the Crestview Elementary School PTA. She and Lee were active in the Merriam Christian Church, Boy Scouts, and Optimist sports programs.

Dorothy was a lifetime member of the Morris Association for Family and Community Education (FCE). On Kansas Day in 1992, she asked Morris Elementary School students to write about their community. One student said, "Morris would be perfect if there were more basketballs and no potholes."

After numerous interviews and research, Dorothy authored and published, "Morris 1921-1997, a Community on the Ft. Leavenworth Military Trail to the Santa Fe Trail". Following a book-signing at Morris Elementary School attended by present and former families from the community, Dorothy was recognized as Historian of the Year by the Wyandotte County Historical Society and received the Tihen Award for Kansas Literature by the Kansas

Historical Society.

In 2011, Dorothy chaired a statewide initiative in Kansas called, "A Day In My Community," in which 20,000 pages about daily lives in rural areas, towns and cities in Kansas was collected by the Kansas Historical Society and a program about the effort was aired on National Public Radio.

Dorothy, Lee, and other historians were co-founders of the Kansas City Area Historic Trails Association. They took more than 25 trips by car and small plane mapping wagon wheel ruts and puncturing several car gas tanks down the back roads and through open prairie between Kansas City and Santa Fe, NM. The research resulted in revisions by the Federal Government to the U.S. National Historic Trails Map and placement of over 360 brown trail maker signs along roads and highways.

Dorothy is survived by 2 sons and daughters-in-law, 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren -- Brian and Anne Kroh of Vero Beach, FL, and Roger and Sandy Kroh of Lenexa, KS, Lauren, Taylor, Charles Lee, and soon to be born Ansley Hart Fox of Nashville, TN; Katie and Kenny Mallery of Boonsboro, MD; Megan, Conner and Jack Robert Sweat of Tallahassee, FL; Phillip Kroh of Lawrence, KS; and Susan Kroh and Evan O'Brien of Mission, KS.

A visitation will be held from 10-11A.M. Monday, March 27, 2023 at Merriam Christian Church. Funeral service will begin at 11 A. M. Burial to follow at Maple Hill Cemetery.

The family requests contributions in lieu of flowers for historic trail signs to the Kansas City Area Historic Trails Association, 5400 Johnson, Drive, #275, Mission, KS 66205-9111. Indicate "For Trail Signs."

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Merriam Christian Church
9401 Johnson Drive
Merriam, KS 66203

Funeral Service

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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9401 Johnson Drive
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Burial

MAR 27 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Jean Kroh*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - March 24, 2023 at 11:57 AM

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Beautiful video of a wonderful lady and family.

Susan Jones - September 28, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *Dorothy Jean Kroh*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM

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“ *Roger, Brian and your families, I'm so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a wonderful lady and always so caring. She and your Dad were the absolute best neighbors to my Grandparents and for that I will always be grateful! Sad to think of that neighborhood and how it must have changed with them all gone now. I have many happy memories with them all. Sending you lots of love and a great big hug. Nice to think that they are all together again in a better place.*

Susan Jones - September 28, 2023 at 02:03 PM

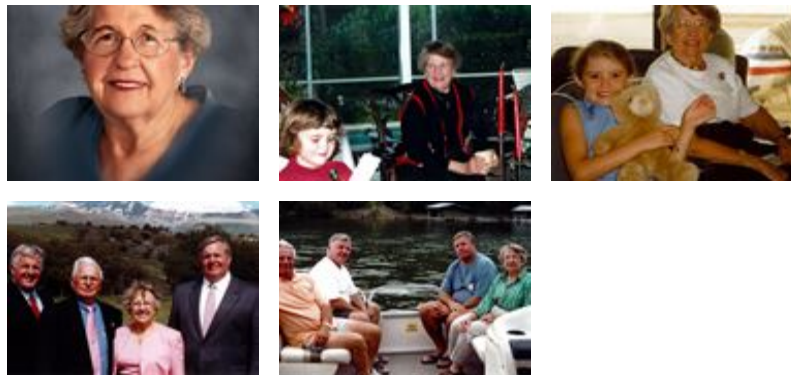
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“ My condolences to Roger & Sandra, Bob and Margie, and all of your family. In my few memories of Dorothy and Lee, I remember how welcoming and kind they were. Such lovely people! I love history too, and I so respect the huge contribution they made to the legendary trails of our forebears so that history may be preserved for generations to come. I don't see a brown trail sign around town without thinking of Dorothy. It's amazing what one or two persons' lives can do to enhance the lives of others. Fly high, Dorothy and Lee, to that big Conestoga wagon in the sky. You left this world a better place indeed. Best regards, Cathy Bukaty Peterson

Cathy Bukaty Peterson - March 30, 2023 at 01:08 PM



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Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - March 23, 2023 at 04:36 PM

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“ David and I spent many happy hours with Lee and Dorothy out on the trail and in their home, especially in the Florida room. All David had to say was "Want to go out on the trail" and they were right there. Jennifer and I miss them a great deal. Happy trails Dorothy, Lee, and David. Alice Clapsaddle

Alice A. Clapsaddle - March 23, 2023 at 04:22 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Kroh.* ”



March 20, 2023 at 09:11 PM