



## Harriet West Alvey

May 18, 1928 - February 12, 2023

Harriet West Alvey, 94, passed away peacefully and in the presence of loved ones on Sunday, February 12, 2023, under hospice care at the Brookdale-Rosehill Assisted Living facility. She is survived by her children- Andrew (Vicki), Lloyd (Cecelia), Constance (Russ), John (Christine), David (Ann Marie), Kathleen, Jimmy (Linda), and Stephen. She leaves behind 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She is reunited with our father, Lloyd George Alvey, deceased in 1978, who we are certain received an earful from her on Sunday.

Harriet grew up on what became known as Strawberry Hill with her older sisters, Barbara West Burns and Rosemarie West Leverich. Her great-grandmother first arrived in Wyandotte County in 1857, and her grandfather operated a meat shop at 5th and Minnesota from the 1880's into the 1950's. Harriet worked at the shop through high school at Bishop Ward and while training as a nurse at St. Mary's College-Leavenworth. She went to work at the Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac Assembly Plant in Fairfax, and she recounted stories of the terrible injuries she treated there. In 1953 she met and married Lt. Lloyd George Alvey, USN, and after one hour at their wedding reception they jumped into their car and drove to Coronado Naval Air Station, as dad was called back up for service in the Korean War.

Mom learned from the West family and her faith how to care for the life and

dignity of others. Her grandmother regularly left sandwiches on the back porch for the “hoboes” who came up their back alley from the railyards along the river; her Aunt Gertrude West, the highest ranking female officer on the KCK police department, was assigned to help the incarcerated women, even receiving them in her home when they were in need. As a nurse Harriet cared for others- she inoculated hundreds of persons during the flood of 1951, took care of the neighborhood kids when they were sick or injured, and went back to work for the Wyandotte County Health Department as the first nurse ever assigned to the Wyandotte County Jail. Later she served the homebound elderly, regularly taking phone calls after hours from the old folks simply because they were alone and lonely. She cared for dad patiently during his long illness, and anytime any of us adult kids needed an open ear when we or our kids were sick, mom was there for us.

Mom had her share of suffering. Her father died when she was five years old. She survived a near-fatal car wreck, aggressive breast cancer, a heart attack, an e-coli infection and Covid 19. Not to mention she survived giving birth to and raising eight children.

Mom loved and cared for her children and their children. Her grandchildren looked forward to the meals she prepared every Sunday for the family-all thirty of us. She baby-sat the grandchildren, attended the important events of their life, treated their illnesses, and empathized with them when they complained about schoolwork, especially algebra!

Harriet was a devout Catholic and prayed the Rosary daily. She faithfully attended Sunday Mass until she became immobile. She respected the life and dignity of all persons, no matter their stage or condition of life -the poor, the sick and dying, the elderly, the incarcerated, the unborn- Harriet affirmed and served them all.

The family would like to extend our special thanks to all those who prayed for

Harriet and visited her, lifting her spirits. We are especially grateful for the friendship of Mari Etta (nee Cahill) and John Palmisano, who were responsible for introducing mom and dad. Thanks as well to the staff of caregivers at Brookdale-Rosehill, Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing, and the hospice care workers. Finally, thanks to Monsignor Michael Mullen, who administered the Sacrament of Anointing with great tenderness.

To all of Harriet's family, friends, and those she served, we offer her trademark greeting "How Do!"

Visitation will begin at 4 pm on Wednesday, February 15 at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Eulogies by loved ones will be given at 6:30 pm, and the Rosary to follow immediately afterward. The Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11:00 AM, Thursday, February 16, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 2910 Strong Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas. Internment at Maple Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Harriet's favorite charity, Our Lady of Unity Parish,  
2910 Strong Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66106

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **15**. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

FEB **15**. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
3300 Shawnee Dr  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
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## Catholic Mass

FEB **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John Evangelist  
2910 Strong Avenue  
Kansas City, KS

## Burial

FEB 16. 12:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Cemetery  
2301 S 34th St  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 262-6610  
[info@maplehillfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@maplehillfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Harriet West Alvey*



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**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - February 15, 2023 at 02:12 PM



“ *Harriet West Alvey*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *We live in the same neighborhood as Harriet. I didn't know her very well but, we did know several of her children and it was easy to see that she was a good roll model and a wonderful mom who raised 8 children, many years by her self.*

*What a great tribute to her to have such a lovely family. Our prayers are with you all.*

*Betty, Norm, Jade, Derek and Brandon*

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**Betty Williams** - February 18, 2023 at 09:23 PM



“ 108 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - February 15, 2023 at 02:04 PM

SP

“ *I have very fond memories of Harriet. I enjoyed the Sunday dinners that I attended and was amazed at how much food she would prepare! It was like Thanksgiving on Sundays. She is a very special lady and will be missed by all who knew who. Rest In Peace, you are beautiful inside and out! XXOO Susie Probst*

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**Susan Probst** - February 15, 2023 at 09:55 AM

BW

*We live in the same neighborhood as Harriet. I didn't know her very well but, we did know several of her children and it was easy to see that she was a good roll model and a wonderful mom who raised 8 children, many years by her self.*

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**Betty Williams** - February 15, 2023 at 01:21 PM

SA

*Thank you Betty! You have been an exceptional role model and mother in your own right. I know you have endured more than your share of adversity in life, and you have shined through. Any trouble you had with your boys invariably involved me. I don't know how you put up with me and still treat me like another son.*

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**Stephen F Alvey** - February 16, 2023 at 05:03 PM

DP

*So sorry to hear of your loss and praising God for His gain and your Mother rejoining your Dad in heaven. I can tell she was a loving great mother because of you David and Jim and what wonderful boys she raised.*

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**Donna Pittaway** - February 17, 2023 at 04:03 PM

SV

“ *Although I never met her, I feel as though I was privileged to know through her son, Stephen. God bless the family and may they find peace in the knowledge Mom is with God in Heaven.*

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**Stephen Vogt** - February 15, 2023 at 09:49 AM

SA

*Thank you Steve! My family and I are grateful for your kind words. The bouquet is beautiful. I am proud to call you my friend.*

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**Stephen F Alvey** - February 16, 2023 at 05:05 PM

SV

“ *Steve Vogt purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Harriet West Alvey.*



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**Steve Vogt** - February 15, 2023 at 09:42 AM

PL

“ There was nobody as strong or funny as our aunt Hattie. I have countless memories of spending time at their home, which I was convinced was in another city. It may as well have been--no frills or fancy things at the Alvey "farm." I am grateful that God saw fit to keep her around for so many years after her critical cancer diagnosis at age 40. Hattie always made me laugh and reminded me of a funny version of our mom, and I cherished our many visits.

*Rest in peace, Hattie. Heaven just got a lot more fun. With love,*

*Patrice (Burns) Ludwig*

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**Patrice (Burns) Ludwig** - February 14, 2023 at 01:39 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Harriet West Alvey.



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February 14, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harriet West Alvey.



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February 14, 2023 at 10:58 AM

ME

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Alvey Family. May she RIP!

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**Mario & Loretta Escobar** - February 14, 2023 at 10:51 AM

SA

*Thank you to both of you!*

**Stephen F Alvey** - February 19, 2023 at 10:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harriet West Alvey.*



February 14, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harriet West Alvey.*



February 14, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harriet West Alvey.*



February 14, 2023 at 09:30 AM

PL

“ *Our family loved Harriet and will never forget her friendship with our Mom. She was a joy to be around and a caring, loving mother. Rest in peace Harriet's and give Mom big hug for us.*



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**Pat Lipovitz** - February 13, 2023 at 11:30 PM

SA

*Thank you Pat! Your Mom was a special lady herself. It was truly a blast when our Moms and my Aunt Rosie came to visit when I lived in Florida. I will never forget it.*

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**Stephen Alvey** - February 14, 2023 at 09:20 PM