



## Lavada M. Hodge

October 12, 1939 - March 18, 2013

### LAVADA M. HODGE

Lavada M. Hodge, 73, of Kansas City, KS passed away March 18, 2013 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, March 22, 2013 at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Burial will be in Maple Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-9 P.M. Thursday, March 21, 2013 at the funeral home. Family suggests contributions to Grace Hospice.

Lavada was born in Boxley, AR and had lived most of her life in the Kansas City area. She is preceded in death by her parents, Jake and Gracie Hylton and a great granddaughter, Emma Grace Janus. Survivors include her husband of 55 years John E. Hodge of the home, 2 sons, Steve Hodge (Saundra), Kansas City, KS and John Hodge (Paula), Urich, MO, 2 daughters, Donna Hodge and Karen Hodge, both of Kansas City, KS, 2 brothers, Mickey Hylton, Bonner Springs, KS and Gary Hylton, Henderson, NV, 10 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 21.** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

**MAR 22.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Great-Grandma Lavada. I love you more than words can express. I wish you were still here, I miss you everyday. You were always patient with me, and stern only when necessary. I wish I could talk to you. It's been so long I don't think I even remember your voice. You were such an extraordinary person, I hope to be that kind when I'm older. You passed when I was 8, I'm so sorry I never understood what that meant. I pray I get to see you again someday, I love you with my whole heart grandma.*

Devon Janus - October 15, 2025 at 10:02 PM



“ *Lavada M. Hodge*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Lavada will always be my second Mom! What a loving person she was. Was thinking of her today, as I often do. Thank you Lavada and Gene for taking me in as a teenager and shaping me into the person I have become. Forever grateful!*

*Ken Shepherd*

Ken Shepherd - July 12, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *Lavada M. Hodge*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

MS

“ *Gene, Jake, Aaron, and Family. We are very sorry for your loss. Lavada was a very special person and always made 73rd street a little brighter. Remember the Goodtimes and her loving laughter. Our prayers are with you. The Michael Smith Family*

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**Michael Smith** - March 23, 2013 at 03:05 PM

HR

“ *Hayley And Jesse Rasmussen lit a candle in memory of Lavada M. Hodge*



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**Hayley And Jesse Rasmussen** - March 22, 2013 at 12:35 AM

  
Melanie  
McClure

“ *My thoughts and prayers continue for all of Lavada's family and friends. In spite of the sadness of the loss of this beautiful lady, it was wonderful to see so many people who loved her this evening. She was an amazing woman and I feel truly honored to have known her. May God bring comfort and peace to all whose hearts are hurting and missing her.*



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**Melanie McClure** - March 21, 2013 at 11:02 PM

Kaitlin Gomer

“ My heart goes out to the Hodge and Haffner family. It's a blessing to know that she is no longer in pain and she is dancing with her savior right now. May you all find comfort in the hard months to come. God Bless you all.

*It shows how many peoples lives you touched by how many people showed up tonight. anyone would hope to be half the woman your were. RIP Lavada.*

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**Kaitlin Gomer** - March 21, 2013 at 08:21 PM

Kaitlin Gomer

“ Kaitlin Gomer lit a candle in memory of Lavada M. Hodge



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**Kaitlin Gomer** - March 21, 2013 at 08:19 PM

LA

“ RIP DEAR LADY....Thompson Family

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**Laurie** - March 21, 2013 at 06:06 PM

GP

“ Gina Peterman lit a candle in memory of Lavada M. Hodge



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**Gina Peterman** - March 21, 2013 at 05:42 PM

JA

“ Grandma, You were the most amazing person ive ever known and i am so blessed to have been raised and cared for by you! I know I would not be half the person I am today if it wasnt for you. Ive never met someone who could love as unconditionally as you did. You loved everyone no matter how hard it was to love them and no matter what they had done in there life. Im gonna miss your beautiful smile and your great sense of humor. I will see you again soon but intil then I will miss you more than words can explain!  
Love you bunches,  
Jake

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**Jake** - March 21, 2013 at 03:38 PM

GM

“ I don't think of Aunt Lavada as gone away. I think of her being in a place of warmth and comfort, where there are no days and years. I will always think of her as living in the hearts of those she touched for she is much loved and nothing loved is ever lost. I will always remember her with those beautiful smiling eyes and God loving woman. Thank you for knowing you as my Aunt Lavada. May God's unfailing love comfort Uncle Eugene and the rest of the family. We all love you.

*Grace and Family*

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**Grace Muzzy** - March 21, 2013 at 03:27 PM

GM

“ Grace Muzzy lit a candle in memory of  
Lavada M. Hodge



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**Grace Muzzy** - March 21, 2013 at 03:12 PM


JA

“ *Grandma, your were the most amazing person I've ever known and im so blessed to have been raised by you! I've never met someone who could love so unconditionally as you did. You excepted and loved everyone no matter what they done or no matter how hard it was to love them. I will miss your beautiful smile and great sense of humor! Gonna miss you so much but I will see you again soon.*

*Love you bunches,  
Jake*

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**jake** - March 21, 2013 at 03:12 PM

 Leslie  
Haffner

“ *Leslie Haffner lit a candle in memory of  
Lavada M. Hodge*



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**Leslie Haffner** - March 21, 2013 at 10:52 AM

 Leslie  
Haffner

*Lavada: words cannot express how much you are going to be missed and how much you mean to me and my family, but you are in a much better place. No more sickness, pain or suffering. I really want you to know how special you were to us, you always treated us like family. I will miss your beautiful smile everytime i walk into your house. Love you bunches.*

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**Leslie Haffner** - March 21, 2013 at 10:57 AM

SH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Sandra Hodge** - March 21, 2013 at 10:02 AM

SH

*Vada, Thank you for being the best Mother-in-Law a Daughter could ask for! I am going to miss you very much! The memories of many many vacations together with you and Geno, I will treasure forever! The decoration trips to Arkansas, canoe trips, ski trips, trips to Florida to see Aunt Nadine and her family and so many more! Thank you for always supporting Steven and Sammi in everything they did, (even though you thought we had them going in too many directions sometimes) ha ha, you were still always there at their music concerts or sammi's volleyball and softball games. Thank you for raising a wonderful son, Steve, that I am proud to call my Husband! This is not goodbye, but see you soon! Love you Ma!!*

*Your Daughter-in-Law, Sandra*

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**sandra hodge** - March 21, 2013 at 10:36 AM

SH

*Vada, I am going to miss you so much! Thank you for being the best Mother-in-Law a girl could ever ask for! You have always been there for me and supporting Sammi and Steven in all their extra activities (even though you thought they were being pulled in many directions) you still came to the music concerts for Steven and many many volleyball and softball games Sammi played in! You made my kids feel VERY special and all the travels with you and Geno to the Arkansas decorations, canoe trips, ski trips, trips to see Aunt Nadine in Florida were memorable ones that our family will always treasure! LOVE YOU SO MUCH. Thank you for opening your home and making ALL feel like they were not strangers and were welcome at the Hodge House..Holding on to faith and knowing this is only our temporary home gives me great joy to know we WILL see you soon!! Love your Daughter-in-Law, Sandra*

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**Sandra Hodge** - March 21, 2013 at 11:09 AM

SH

*Thanks for always being there to support our kids and going to see Sammi at K-State and Steven's Concerts with Allegro! You and Geno are the rocks of this family and I am so thankful that we have been able to share many travels to Arkansas for decoration trips, family reunions, canoe trips, ski trips to Colorado, trips to Florida to see Aunt Nadine's family. Those were Great times! Thanks to you, the ice cream shops were always to be found!! ha ha...Thank you for being the best Mother-in-law a girl could ever dream of having. Holding on to faith and the promise that this is only our temporary home and we WILL see you again soon!! LOVE YOU,*

*Your Daughter-in-Law,*

*Saundra*

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**saundra hodge** - March 21, 2013 at 11:36 AM

TW

“ *Ted & Vickie Knight and Jr. & Willa Wood purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Lavada M. Hodge.*



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**Ted & Vickie Knight and Jr. & Willa Wood** - March 21, 2013 at 09:39 AM

DL

“ *Donna Harmon Lambeth sent a virtual gift in memory of Lavada M. Hodge*



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**Donna Harmon Lambeth** - March 21, 2013 at 08:59 AM

Kim  
Lagasse

“ To Gene, Karen & Steve;  
You and your family are in and have been in  
my prayers. I know you have lots of wonderful  
memories to comfort you. God Bless you all.  
Love, Kim Lagasse



Kim Lagasse - March 20, 2013 at 07:44 PM

BE

“ Aunt vadie you have always had a giving  
heart. And could light a room with your  
beautiful smile and laughter. You will be truly  
missed.



Love John and Barbara Eastburn

barbara eastburn - March 20, 2013 at 07:11 PM

CG

“ Clarence & Mary Ellen Wasson, Sandra Gentry,  
Philip Gentry purchased the Blushing Lilies for  
the family of Lavada M. Hodge.



Clarence & Mary Ellen Wasson, Sandra Gentry, Philip  
Gentry - March 20, 2013 at 05:07 PM

TI

“ Ma hodge.... You were such wonderful, inspirational person in  
everyones life. You were so loving and and welcoming to any and  
everyone. You are going to be missed more than u know until we  
meet again. Love you.

Tiffany - March 20, 2013 at 03:12 PM

KC

“ Vada, You were like a second mom to me!! We will miss your smiling face and your laugh! I know you are in heaven having a wonderful time getting to see all your friends and loved ones! Love you, and already miss you!!

Love, Kandi

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**Kandi Call** - March 20, 2013 at 03:10 PM

SG

“ Vada,I really loved you and thanks goodness I always told you so:O) We will meet again, have long talks, Share laughs and enjoy heaven ,WHAT a great reunion of family and friends we will all have

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**Sandra Gentry** - March 20, 2013 at 02:10 PM

ST

“ Im going to miss you so much, you were such a wonderful person. Thank you for always making me feel like I was one of the grandchildren and raising such a wonderful man for me to be with. Love you bunches..

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**Stephanie** - March 20, 2013 at 02:02 PM

BG

“ laveda was one of the sweetest ladies i knew she had a smile for every one and she will be deeply missed our thoughts and prayers are with you Bryan Grober and Family

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**bryan grober** - March 20, 2013 at 01:23 PM

BK

“ *Bobbie Jo And Kids lit a candle in memory of Lavada M. Hodge*



**Bobbie Jo and kids** - March 20, 2013 at 12:33 PM

KW

“ *Kaycee Williams lit a candle in memory of Lavada M. Hodge*



**Kaycee Williams** - March 20, 2013 at 12:08 PM

AS

“ *It was always so nice to see Lavada and the family growing up. Such a beautiful soul. God rest her beautiful mind body and spirit.*



*Love The Chisam Family  
Ashley (daughter of Jean Martin), Jeremy, and Noah*

**Ashley** - March 20, 2013 at 12:02 PM

 Bigsteve Michael

“ *Bigsteve Michael lit a candle in memory of Lavada M. Hodge*



**Bigsteve Michael** - March 20, 2013 at 11:56 AM

JE

“ *It is with sympathy but very fond memories that we send our condolences. You will always be in our memories and prayers.  
John Edgmon and family  
Faye Sparks and family.*

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**John Edgmon** - March 20, 2013 at 10:16 AM

SJ

“ *Lavada, I can't believe you're gone. You were such an amazing woman, always willing to do so much for anyone else! I remember staying over at your house all the time when we were younger! You always knew how to bring a smile to my face! You will be loved and missed so much by so many.*

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**Shyla Jordan** - March 20, 2013 at 09:45 AM

TY

“ *Hey grandma Its Tyler its gonna take a while to realize you are actually gone and on to the promise land. Just wanted to say thanks for accepting of with open arms into the hodge family and hylton family. You were always my biggest fan! Don't worry about the family genes gonna take care of everyone just like you guys always have. You and gene have always made me feel just like one of the grandkids. I'll miss you more than you will ever know. Everyone is homesick for now until we get to see you again on that glad reunion day. Love you!*

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**Tyler** - March 20, 2013 at 09:25 AM

CL

“ Grandma words can't explain how much I love you and how much you mean to us. I'm so lucky to have you and grandpa in our lives. You taught me so much. I'm gonna miss talking to you I'm gonna miss your hugs and kisses and your unconditional love for everyone. I'm so glad you got to be apart of Logans life also. Don't worry about all of us we will take good care of grandpa. Miss you so much and love you.

**Courtney Tyler and Logan** - March 20, 2013 at 09:07 AM

LF

“ Love, Judy, Peggy, Barb, Deb and families and Dale & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lavada M. Hodge.



**Love, Judy, Peggy, Barb, Deb and families and Dale & Family**  
- March 20, 2013 at 09:05 AM

MR

“ Mike And Debbie Riggs lit a candle in memory of Lavada M. Hodge



**Mike and Debbie Riggs** - March 20, 2013 at 05:25 AM

DH

“ Mom, this is all so unreal. I can't imagine my life w/o you here. Thank you for being the most awesome mom anyone could have ever ask for. You were the most amazing woman I ever knew. Thank you for loving, listening and giving of yourself endlessly! I miss you so much already. Can't wait to see you again someday in Heaven! Til then tho...sending all the hugs and kisses to you that Heaven can hold!!!

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**Donna Hodge** - March 20, 2013 at 02:07 AM

DH

“ Donna Hodge sent a virtual gift in memory of Lavada M. Hodge



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**Donna Hodge** - March 20, 2013 at 01:53 AM

C-

“ Christy Counts -Smalley lit a candle in memory of Lavada M. Hodge



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**Christy Counts -Smalley** - March 20, 2013 at 12:23 AM

PB

“ *this is to the family of one of the sweetest and most loving cousins any one could ever have had she was one of a kind and had a heart of gold she will be deeply missed but i know that one of these days we will all be together and have a great big family reunion we love you all and wish we could be there but we are praying for you your cousin patsy grober and family in ft smith arkansas*

patsy grober and bill - March 20, 2013 at 12:18 AM

 Cami Dietz

“ *Lavada was always such a pleasure to be around, always happy and smiling ear to ear. Right now words just seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel about lossing such a beautiful woman & mentor. Please accept our heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Cami Dietz - March 20, 2013 at 12:10 AM

PB

“ *Patsy Grober And Bill lit a candle in memory of Lavada M. Hodge*



patsy grober and bill - March 20, 2013 at 12:08 AM



“ *Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Lavada M. Hodge.*



March 19, 2013 at 11:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lavada M. Hodge.*



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March 19, 2013 at 10:05 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Picture of mom when we found out she had cancer*



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**Steve** - March 19, 2013 at 07:59 PM



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



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**Family** - March 19, 2013 at 07:55 PM



“ *Lavada you will be missed, but never forgotten love you The Watson Family*



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**Watson family** - March 19, 2013 at 06:40 PM

LP

“ Love Krysie, Bree and Evelyn Packer purchased the Sacred Cross Bouquet for the family of Lavada M. Hodge.



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**Love Krysie, Bree and Evelyn Packer** - March 19, 2013 at 03:49 PM

DF

“ The first time I saw Lavada I thought she was one of the prettiest women I had ever seen. Her and Gene were one handsome couple. We bowled with them for many years. Most always had a smile on her face, and loved her family. She will be missed. May God hold all of you in the palm of his hand.

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**Doris wallace freeman** - March 19, 2013 at 01:52 PM

GH

“ To the best sister in the world loved by all. Lavada never met a stranger if so in a minute you were friends. Since I can't be there. I thank God for the time Ethel and I got to spend with you. There is a special place waiting for you and we will be together again. I can honestly say as a family we never had cross words. Say hello to Mom & Dad and our baby boy Matthew. I pray you have joy when you walk threw heaven with all of our family.

*Love Always  
Gary & Ethel*

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**Gary and Ethel Hylton** - March 19, 2013 at 01:02 PM

B(

*What a wonderful Morris Family. I remember when I used to do her hair.*

*Does anyone remember when I taught some of you a country line dance for a family member's wedding reception? We did it in Lavada's garage. Good memories of a wonderful woman. Bless you Bobbie McBride (Slater)*

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**Bobbie McBride (Slater)** - March 20, 2013 at 10:36 AM