



Marilyn Ruth Knoll

June 12, 1931 - August 4, 2024

Marilyn Ruth Knoll, 93, of Kansas City, Kansas, passed away on Sunday, August 4, 2024, at AdventHealth Shawnee Mission. Born on June 12, 1931, to Albert and Verna Lefman in Mayview, Missouri. Marilyn grew up on the family farm in Higginsville. Notably, she graced the cover of "Successful Farming" magazine in 1939. Marilyn attended Central Missouri State College (now UCM), where she earned a degree in Education. On June 16, 1956 in Higginsville, MO she was united in marriage to Albert Knoll, who preceded her in death. Her teaching career began at the Peacock School, a one-room schoolhouse, and she later taught in the Turner School District. After stepping away from full-time teaching to raise her children, Marilyn took up substitute teaching and continued this work into her 70s. She also remained involved in the Turner Community through volunteering. She contributed as a scorekeeper for youth sports, participated in the Lions Club, and was an engaged member of the school PTA. Through the PTA, she helped establish the "Lunch Bunch," a social group that met for lunch for over 65 years. Marilyn was known for her commitment to staying connected with those around her. She made a point of reaching out via phone or Facebook to catch up with friends and family, and she enjoyed organizing events and keeping everyone updated. A dedicated member of Bristol Hill United Methodist Church, Marilyn raised her family there and taught Sunday School. In her personal time, Marilyn loved knitting, embroidery, and gardening, often creating gifts for family and friends. Family was at the heart of everything she did, including her

passion for genealogy. She meticulously documented her family's history and cherished annual vacations to Minnesota with her loved ones for over 60 years. Additionally, Marilyn and Al enjoyed spending part of the year as snowbirds in La Feria, Texas. She is preceded in death by her husband, Albert Knoll. She is survived by two children, Allen Knoll (Karen) and Sharon Grogan (Tom); seven grandchildren, Jon Knoll (Lauren), Mindi Harden (Cory), Mallory Dodson (Danny), Joel Grogan (Krystal), Jon Sprung (Grace), Will Grogan, and Wesley Grogan (Jacey); and twelve great grandchildren, Cora, Levi, Monroe, Landon, Macy, Laney, Ellie, Aria, Jade, Emma Jean, June, and Josephine.

A visitation will be held from 1:00-2:00 PM with funeral services beginning at 2:00 PM Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Maple Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

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

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

Funeral Service

AUG 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Marilyn Ruth Knoll*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - August 06, 2024 at 08:27 PM



“ *9 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - August 07, 2024 at 10:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.*



August 07, 2024 at 01:10 AM

TC

“ *The Bumgarner's and The Christie's purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.*



The Bumgarner's and The Christie's - August 06, 2024 at 10:50 PM

TC

“ *The Bumgarner's and The Christie's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.*

The Bumgarner's and The Christie's - August 06, 2024 at 10:50 PM



“ *64 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - August 06, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.*



August 06, 2024 at 02:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.*



August 06, 2024 at 11:45 AM



“ *Jill Rahn and Susan Wells purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.*



Jill Rahn and Susan Wells - August 06, 2024 at 10:21 AM



“ *Jill Rahn and Susan Wells planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.*

Jill Rahn and Susan Wells - August 06, 2024 at 10:21 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for a great loss. I am so grateful I got to see her this summer at the lake. Condolences to you and your family.*

Jill Rahn - August 06, 2024 at 10:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.*



August 06, 2024 at 09:27 AM



“ *Mike and Jeanne Kroeker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.*

Mike and Jeanne Kroeker - August 06, 2024 at 09:27 AM



“ *Your AWG family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.*



Your AWG family - August 06, 2024 at 07:16 AM



“ *Your AWG family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.*

Your AWG family - August 06, 2024 at 07:16 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.*



August 05, 2024 at 11:03 PM



“ *From Tom and Sharon's New Hope Life Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.*

From Tom and Sharon's New Hope Life Group - August 05, 2024 at 11:03 PM



“ *Love Mary Abrahamson and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.*



Love Mary Abrahamson and family - August 05, 2024 at 10:32 PM



“ *Love Mary Abrahamson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.*

Love Mary Abrahamson and family - August 05, 2024 at 10:32 PM

JH

“ I have known Marilyn through Bristol Hill since I started attending there in 2007....she was a wonderful friend and, as it says in her obituary, a wonderful organizer! She was behind many breakfasts and lunches together! Such great memories! I love you, Marilyn. I miss you already! I know you're happy now to be home and you always told me, "Tomorrow will be a better day." I know that's true, and I will never forget your fantastic encouragement!!

Jenny Hite - August 05, 2024 at 10:13 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.



August 05, 2024 at 08:33 PM

SF

“ Steve and Mary Hanson and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.



Steve and Mary Hanson and family - August 05, 2024 at 05:53 PM

RF

“ Rachel and Dan Anderson & family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.



Rachel and Dan Anderson & family - August 05, 2024 at 02:24 PM

NH

“ What a wonderful tribute to my friend Marilyn. Yes, we all will miss her. Her frequent calls just to see how I was or my family.. Marilyn and I were den mothers for our Alan and Frank. We had so much fun and created priceless memories together. Our lunch bunch friends have held each other up during many losses, trying times and fun times. When some of us returned from our wintering away, we would share what fun we had! The men would compare each others priceless buys thst we had made during our buying trips into Mexico.
Our Christmas party was always the best memory. Marilyn making sure that we could use her church was a must. The rest just fell into place. My sympathies to her loving family!
Rest well Marilyn. Till we meet again, much love Nancy Hilgardner

Nancy Ann Hilgardner - August 05, 2024 at 01:37 PM

WH

“ Wanda Haws purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Marilyn Ruth Knoll.



Wanda Haws - August 05, 2024 at 01:25 PM

LH

“ Our prayers was with the family. Everyone enjoy the last gathering of the lunch bunch that Marilyn enjoyed getting everyone together. All turned out and was a great time was had by all . I will miss Marilyn and her talks on the phone. Our love Lorene & Don

lorene Huffman - August 05, 2024 at 12:57 PM