



## Velma K. Catron

March 9, 1919 - December 6, 2014

### VELMA K. CATRON

Velma K. Catron, 95, Emporia, Kansas, passed away December 6, 2014, at Emporia Presbyterian Manor in Emporia, Kansas. She was born March 9, 1919 in Lowry City, Missouri to John C. and Matilda Knierim. She graduated from Montrose High School, Montrose, Missouri, and moved to Kansas City in 1941. She intended to have a career in nursing, and was to start school on December 8, 1941. As a result of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, she spent only one night at the school and ended up working at North American Aviation Company in Kansas City which had a contract to build the B25 bomber.

She married (James) Smith Catron on March 23, 1943 in Kansas City, Missouri. They lived in Butler, Missouri and Levasy, Missouri, before moving to Kansas City, Kansas, in 1953.

After her children were born, she became a stay at home mother to her own four children and a host of others. Velma loved gardening, animals and all little children. She was a listener and baker par excellence, always willing to share a pot of coffee and pie or cinnamon rolls with any and all who dropped by. Her kitchen was always filled with friends, fellowship, and laughter.

She is survived by her daughter, Nancy (Phil Dillon) of Emporia, twin sons, James of Emporia, and John (Cathy) of Overland Park, as well as a granddaughter, Rebecca of Overland Park, Kansas, and a host of friends. She was pre-deceased by her husband Smith in 1986, a son Timothy Wayne in

1988, her parents, two brothers and five sisters.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, December 10th from 7-9 pm at Maple Hill Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 10:00 am, Thursday, December 11th at Crosspoints Church, Shawnee, Kansas. The Rev. Don Lewis will officiate. Burial will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Joshua and Denise Beck Family Mission Fund, c/o Crosspoints Church, 6824 Lackman Rd, Shawnee, KS 66217. Please visit Velma's memorial website at

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 7:00 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

DEC 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crosspoints Church  
Shawnee, KS

# Tribute Wall



“ *Velma K. Catron*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Velma K. Catron*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *I have grown up knowing Velma since I was a 3rd grader. My mom has been friends with her since the 80s. As I grew up I made some really poor choices as a young adult. Velma never judged me. She just loved as I was right at that time. She didn't change her love according to what I was doing but just prayed for me and continued to pray all through the years and even prayed for me during our last visit this fall. I will never forget when she met my baby Taylor for the first time. Taylor was probably about 7 months old and didn't really go to other people outside of the family very good.....except for Velma. We were at Velma's house in Shawnee at her famous kitchen table. I handed Taylor to her and Taylor was so at ease and so happy. Never cried one time. That speaks directly to who Velma was at the core. She was love. No matter what was going on in my life when I was with Velma I felt safe, had hope and just felt good. She is a one of a kind lady...a once in a lifetime lady. I love you Velma. Sincerely, Tarah ( Cage) Yates*

Tarah Yates - December 11, 2014 at 01:04 PM

BB

“ *Boyd & Rory Beck purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Velma K. Catron.*



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**Boyd & Rory Beck** - December 08, 2014 at 12:56 PM

BR

“ *What a wonderful lady, Sister Catron. I first met her at FFCL on 42nd Street in the early 1970s. She played the organ and I played the piano. She was so faithful. She and Brother Catron were very special to me. She was a blessing to all she touched.*

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**Bruce Rowe** - December 07, 2014 at 04:19 PM

JK

*Velma Catron: Servant, mentor, spiritual mother to many women, and an amazing prayer warrior! She was the humility and fragrance of Christ to so many of us for several decades. "When I grow up, I want to be like Velma."*

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**Joan Kelley** - December 08, 2014 at 08:16 PM

JM

*My beautiful Aunt Velma, my mother's youngest sister and Grandma and Grandpa Knierim's youngest. She was my mentor and adviser, I'll miss her dearly but know I will one day see her again.*

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**Judy Mallory** - December 10, 2014 at 11:40 PM