



## Velma Ruth Spalding

July 15, 1919 - September 7, 2020

Velma Ruth Spalding at 101 years young, of Shawnee, Kansas passed away Monday, September 7, 2020 at Providence Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Velma Typer, her siblings: Ernest, Eldon, Bill, Nina and Vivian; her husband of 50 years, Hubert; daughter Betty Rentschler, son Mark Spalding, grandsons Dustin Howell and Joseph Pound; and great-great grandson Mason Harnden. Ruth is survived by four daughters, Sandra (George) Sutton of Gladstone, Missouri; Janice (Mike) Pound, of Kansas City, Missouri; Barbara (John) Jordan, of Gravois Mills, Missouri; Michelle (Jack) Carmitchel, of Olathe, Kansas; 14 grandchildren; 26 great- grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren. She loved all babies and was always thrilled to hear the family was growing so that she could meet and hold the newest baby.

Velma Ruth Typer was born in 1919 in Hepler, Kansas, the third of six children born to Robert and Velma Typer. She graduated from Savonburg High School. Both her grade school and high school were in the same building. The school enjoyed big Halloween parties every year and she enjoyed taking part in the Halloween pranks. Her class celebrated graduation with a Potluck on the last day of school. One of Ruth's first jobs was at a Oil Refinery in El Dorado, Kansas. She also worked in Las Vegas at a factory as a Rosy the Riveter type.

Ruth and her first husband, Harry Taylor, now deceased, adopted her sister Vivian's baby Betty Jeanne in 1945 as It was important to them to keep Betty

Jeanne in the family. Ruth and Harry later divorced, and in 1955 she married Hubert Spalding in a civil ceremony. Hubert had been married before, and had three young children, Sandra, born in 1948, Mark, born in 1950, and Janice, born in 1951. In 1958 Ruth joined the Catholic Church, and she and Hubert were married again at St. John the Evangelist Church, located in the Argentine District of Kansas City, Kansas. The marriage of Hubert and Ruth grew to include two children of their own, Barbara, born in 1957, and Michelle in 1958.

To help supplement the family income, Ruth worked as a waitress at several restaurants in the Kansas City area, such as the Trail House on the Plaza, and the Majestic Restaurant at its original location on 31st Street. She later became an Avon representative and also a distributor for the Amway Corporation. Ruth managed the snack bar for several years at the Mission Bowl in Mission, Kansas. She and Hubert bowled in many leagues and Ruth had a lot of trophies to show for her high average. Ruth enjoyed crocheting, sewing and knitting, many family members have her 'made with love' mementos to cherish. She made most of her daughter's clothes and even some of her own. Ruth was very active in the Parent Teacher Organization and Camp Fire when her daughters were in Grade School.

Upon Hubert's retirement in 1976, he and Ruth bought the first of their "mini" campers, and enjoyed traveling to several states and even Canada camping and fishing. They would occasionally invite some of the grandchildren to go with them. They also enjoyed managing the snack bar at the Sun and Surf Swim Club in Shawnee, Kansas, for several years where everyone knew her as Ruthie.

In 1999, Ruth and Hubert sold their home in Argentine, and moved to an apartment at Crosslines, a retirement community in Argentine. Ruth lived alone there after Hubert's death in 2006, and in 2015, moved to Sharon Lane Health Facility in Shawnee, Kansas.

In Ruth's 101 years she saw the end of WW1, Prohibition, Women's Suffrage, Spanish Flu, Public Radio, Transatlantic Flight, The Great Depression, The

invention of the car, airplane and Penicillin. Was among the first to hear Jazz. Experience WW11, the threat of Communism, Civil Rights, desegregation, the Assassination of JF Kennedy, the Vietnam War, Watergate, Woodstock, the Billy Graham crusades and the Iranian Hostage Crisis, Ruth witnessed the First Female Governor, Computers, AOL, Email and the attack on the World Trade Center. She witnessed the first Black President of the United States be elected to office and Covid-19 (which she survived!) As you can see she lived a good and full life. She loved well and was well loved, we will miss her sass and her feisty self!

There will be a private family service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Veterans of Foreign Wars or the Alzheimer's Association. The services will be live streamed on Maple Hill Funeral Home Facebook page, 11 AM Monday.

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - September 11, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ *Velma Ruth Spalding*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Velma Ruth Spalding*

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September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *We sure loved our Casino days. Also lunch was always fun! So many have been blessed by knowing her. She will b missed greatly. God b with her family. Such a loving family she had!*

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**Shirley Spalding** - September 18, 2020 at 09:41 AM

JP

“ My mother Ruth was the strongest woman I have ever known. She raised children that were not her own (and it wasn't always like "With Six You Get Eggroll"), but I believe she gave all she had to give. She lived with back pain most of her adult life, but was always there cooking, cleaning, working outside the home and running six children wherever they needed to go. It was not an easy life but it was full and we have a lot of great memories of the beautiful person she was.

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**Janice Spalding Pound** - September 12, 2020 at 01:36 PM



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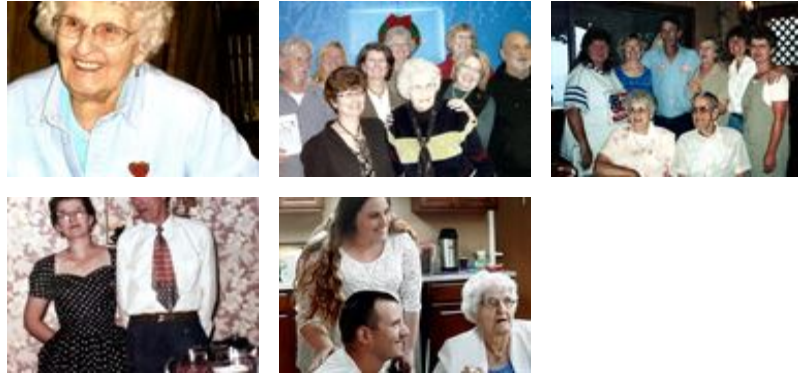
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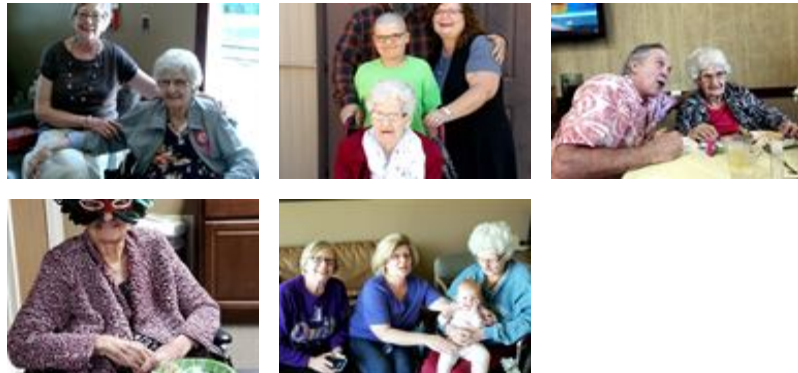
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Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - September 11, 2020 at 04:48 PM



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“ *Ruth was such a beautiful lady... inside and out. She would watch out for all of us at Sun N Surf, and was a friend to all. My thoughts and love to her family. Her light will be missed in this world.*

marilyn muro - September 10, 2020 at 08:36 AM

LP

“ I loved traveling in the camper with Grandma and Grandpa. We went to Clinton Lake and The Pow-Wow for many consecutive years when I was a teenager. Grandma used to make roasts in the oven as we drove down the highways. One year we had two separate tires blowout. We stopped to get the first one fixed and had lunch with some of Grandma’s relatives. Then once we were on the road again we had another tire blow. We stopped again to get it fixed and visited with more family! At that age I was sure my Grandma knew everyone in Kansas. We would play scrabble or rummy while Grandpa drove. Grandma Ruth taught me so many different things over the years but the biggest lesson I learned from her was how to be a strong woman. I am so blessed to have had her in my life for so many years and am so grateful my children knew and loved her like I did.

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**Lindsay Pryor** - September 09, 2020 at 08:28 PM

JP

*That is so beautiful Lindsay.*

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**Janice Pound** - September 10, 2020 at 09:50 AM

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*Ruth was a lovely lady.  
I met her at the wedding of her daughter to my nephew.....  
She raised some wonderful children.  
I will miss her.  
Not like her kids will though...*

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**Faye** - September 10, 2020 at 10:50 AM