



Beth Alexander Roaseau

October 4, 1927 - September 15, 2025

Beth Alexander Roaseau, 97, of Columbia, Missouri, passed away peacefully on September 15, 2025. She was born October 4, 1927, in Memphis, Tennessee, to Vera McBride Alexander and Vernon Alexander and grew up in Walker, Arkansas. A gifted student, Beth graduated from high school at the age of 16 and went on to attend Central Arkansas Teachers College for two years. In 1947, she married the love of her life, Wade Roaseau, and together they shared 52 wonderful years. Their life together began in St. Louis, Missouri, while Wade finished pharmacy school. They later lived in Poplar Bluff before settling in Salem, Missouri, where they made their home for more than 40 years. While living in Salem she was active in the community serving on the Park Board, Library Board and Arts Board. In her later years, Beth resided in Columbia, Missouri. Once her children were in school, Beth returned to her own education, attending Southern Illinois University and Drury University to attain her teaching certificate before earning her master's degree from the University of Missouri. She enjoyed 14 years of teaching third grade at William H. Lynch Elementary School. Beth will be lovingly remembered for her adventurous spirit and her many passions, including traveling, playing bridge, reading, and most especially, cherishing time with her family. Her faith was important to her and she was active in the church. She was known for her sweet nature and her beautiful smile, which brought joy to all who knew her. She is survived by her children: Lawrence Roaseau (Linda) of Key Largo, Florida; Mark Roaseau of Columbia, Missouri; Sanci

Canella (Jim) of Frederick, Maryland; and Stacy Drane (Ed) of Columbia, Missouri. She also leaves behind her brother, Sam Alexander of Griffin, Georgia; eight grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren. The family is deeply grateful for the loving care Beth received while residing at Lenoir Woods. A celebration of Beth's life will be held on her birthday, October 4, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at Lenoir Woods Nifong Hall in Columbia, Missouri. Charitable donations may be given to the Salem Public Library.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Scenic Rivers Blvd
Salem, MO 65560
(573) 729-0205

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 4. 3:00 PM (CT)

Lenoir Woods Nifong Hall
3850 Cartwright
Columbia, MO 65201

Tribute Wall

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“ Always loved talking with Beth. She was a warm and gracious lady who never failed to flash her wonderful smile in greeting anyone.

Nancy Nelson Stickels - November 12, 2025 at 09:28 PM

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“ This picture of Mrs. Roaseau says it all. From being around her in school and the community I always saw her exuding joy. My sincerest condolences to the family.



Kristina Rosewell - September 17, 2025 at 01:15 PM

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“ Beth was a wonderful friend to work with teaching middle-graders to enjoy reading. Even more she was a compassionate teacher who was much loved by her students & colleagues alike. I shall never forget our memorable years together as educators in Salem R-80. --
Jessie Mitchell Harris

Jessie Harris - September 16, 2025 at 09:51 PM