



## Katherine Halbert Rodriguez

November 12, 1923 - September 7, 2022

Katherine Lois (Halbert) Rodriguez formerly of Salem, Missouri, passed away peacefully at Phelps Health in Rolla, Missouri and was united eternally with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. Kitty or Granny as she was lovingly called, was born on the farm in Edgar Springs, Missouri, November 12, 1923. She was one of three daughters: Freda Morrison and Marie Cage, born to the late Leslie (Stepfather) and Virginia (Frank) Wofford. Kitty was married briefly to G.C. Mills of Michigan. This union blessed her with son Tom Mills of St. Robert, Missouri. She married Vernon Halbert of Salem, Missouri in 1948 and lived 46 years surrounded by family and friends until Vernon's passing in 1994. During this time they watched Tom grow and start a family and spent their retirement years camping, hunting, working on cars, sewing, quilting, leatherwork, painting, and enjoying their grandchildren. She worked for Day & Stephens Hardware store in downtown Salem for several years and worked for International Shoe until she retired. She then began volunteering at Wee-Care and teaching Sunday School at the Assembly of God in Salem. She and her sister Freda often painted together and Kitty began taking pictures of the all the one-room school houses in Dent County and painting them. Her work on preserving the memory of the one-room schoolhouses was published and multiple historical displays featured her paintings. After Vernon's passing, Kitty moved to St. Robert to be closer to her family. She began working for a home health agency that allowed her to sit with patients nearing end of life and she spoke to them from the Bible and of

the many wonders of Heaven. She enjoyed eating lunch with her friends at the Waynesville/St. Robert Senior Center. She also began taking nation-wide bus with many of her friends from the Senior Center.

She married Julian Rodriguez of Waynesville on September 26, 2009. She loved and enjoyed spending time with her immediate and extended family and friends. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend who will be lovingly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Katherine Lois (Halbert) Rodriguez is survived by her husband Julian Rodriguez; son Tom Mills (Dee) of St. Robert, MO; stepson Roderick (April and sons Caleb & Alex) Rodriguez; grandchildren John Mills of St. Robert, MO and Melanie Roark (Justin) of Duke, MO; and great-grandchildren Madison Mills and Brooklyn Roark; and a host of extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Leslie and Virginia Wofford and sisters Freda Morrison and Marie Cage.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 1:00pm at James & Gahr in Salem, Missouri with Pastor Danny Graves officiating. Interment will follow at the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Salem. A visitation for family and friends will be held prior to the service at 11am until service time at 1pm. Memorials are suggested and greatly appreciated to the Waynesville/St. Robert Senior Center. Cards are available at all James and Gahr locations.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
Salem, MO 65560  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



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January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Katherine Halbert Rodriguez.*



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September 08, 2022 at 07:21 PM