



## Marion Elouise Kearse

November 29, 1934 - November 27, 2020

Marion Elouise Kearse of Rolla, Missouri passed away on Friday, November 27, 2020 at Cedar Pointe at the age of 85. She was born on November 29, 1934 in Sharpsburg, Iowa to the late Carl and Grace (Phillips) Grahl.

Marion was a 1952 graduate of Skidmore High School, Skidmore, Missouri. In the summer of 1952, she attended Platte Business College in St. Joseph, Missouri. On February 23, 1954 she was united in marriage to Kenneth Blanton; to this union two sons were born. She worked several years in the office of Sears & Roebuck in Maryville before she and Kenneth were transferred with the United Telephone Company to Salem, Lebanon, Siloam Springs AR and Rolla. They spent their leisure time boating, fishing and water skiing before Kenneth's death on March 23, 1979 on his forty-ninth birthday.

Marion was baptized in the Maryville Methodist Church. While living in Rolla, she joined the Ozark Highlands Christian Church where she served as a Deacon and was a very active church member.

Marion met and fell in love with Joe Kearse of Rolla, they were married in 1983. They enjoyed traveling and visited forty-nine states. Joe was transferred with the Missouri State Highway Patrol to Macon, Missouri where she became interested in collecting antiques and refinishing furniture. She enjoyed many hobbies; one was watercolor painting. She also enjoyed spending time with her dogs. She loved them as much as they loved her. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend who will be greatly missed by all

that knew and loved her.

Marion is survived by her sons, Marc (Pamela) Blanton of Mountain View, Arkansas and Michael Blanton (Laura Vandeen) of Rolla, Missouri; grandchildren, Todd (Crystal) Blanton, Dustin (Rachel Wilson) Blanton and Kena (Matt) Ott; great-grandchildren, Diesel, Gage, Axel and Jax Blanton; step-sons, Michael (Shirley) Kearse of Houston, Texas and Mark (D'ettra) Kearse of Rolla, Missouri; several step-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

There will be a private graveside service for the family at a later date. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Parkinson's Association or the Ozark Highlands Christian Church. Cards are available at all James and Gahr Mortuary locations.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marion Elouise Kearse*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Marion Elouise Kearse*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *We treasure and always laugh when remembering the wonderful memories we made with Marion and Kenny and the boys. We send our love and sympathy to the family. Blessings, Steve and Sally Taylor*

**Steve and Sally Taylor** - November 30, 2020 at 06:26 PM



“ *Marion was truly a wonderful mother in law. Her kindness was overwhelming. What a blessing to have known her! Love you mernie!*

**Dettra Kearse** - November 30, 2020 at 05:48 PM