



Virta M Roskowske

May 23, 1936 - November 21, 2025

Virta M. Roskowske of St. James, Missouri, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Friday, November 21, 2025, at the age of 89.

Virta was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 23, 1936, to the late Homer and Ava (Kaiser) Stevens. She married the love of her life, Otto F. Roskowske, on May 31, 1952. Their marriage was blessed with two sons and a lifetime of devotion.

For 22 years, Virta worked in the kitchen at the Veterans Home in St. James, where she was known for her dedication, work ethic, and kindness toward the residents she served.

When their sons were young, the family spent many weekends camping, making countless memories around campfires and lakeshores. Each summer, Virta and Otto looked forward to their two-week vacations, traveling cross-country by motorcycle and embracing the adventure of the open road together.

Virta was a gifted and passionate writer, creating poems and short stories that reflected her thoughtful and creative spirit. She also enjoyed puzzles, drawing, painting, fishing, and—more than anything—spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her sons, Douglas Roskowske and wife Connie of St. James, MO, and Darrol Roskowske and wife Karen of Warsaw, MO; her grandchildren, Eutonna (Billy) Gruver, Amy (Herman) Gruver, and Sara (Thomas) Alterauge; her great-grandchildren, Erica, Tiffany, Dylan, Jaylon,

Cashon, Mycah, Malachi, Ryker, and Granger, and her great-great-grandchildren, Mitchell and Forest; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

In addition to her parents, Homer and Ava Stevens, Virta was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Otto, in 2006, and a grandson Kenneth Edward Roskowske in 1991.

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