



Pearl "Peggy" Jewett

November 4, 1926 - August 18, 2021

Pearl "Peggy" Jewett, 94, of Tulsa, formerly of Topeka, KS died Wednesday, August 18, 2021 in Tulsa. She was born November 4, 1926 in Horton, KS to John Lawrence Hoffman and Ollie Susan Smith Hoffman. She married Rev. Donald G. Jewett who preceded her in death in 2009. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by five brothers (Durward, Hayward, Richard, Bobby, and Joe), 1 sister (Evelyn Haskins), three nieces and a nephew. She is survived by three daughters, Donna Botinelly, Ginny Swanson (Kenny), and Joy Jewett; grandsons Michael Murphy (Kim) and Brendan Botinelly (Karyssa); great-granddaughters Ashley, Alexa, Abbey, Aubrey, and great grandson Connor, as well as 2 sisters in law, brother in law, and numerous nieces and nephews on both sides of the family.

Mrs. Jewett was a School Para-professional and elementary school tutor, retired from Topeka schools. She had an honorary bachelor's degree in Christian Education from Manhattan Christian College in Manhattan, KS. For sixty years, she and Mr. Jewett served various churches in Kansas and Missouri, as pastor and pastor's wife. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary a month before Mr. Jewett died. Mrs. Jewett volunteered for American Cancer Society and helped with a prison ministry. She enjoyed reading, studying genealogy, creative writing, sewing, and artwork. Additionally, she was a member of Town & Country Christian Church in Topeka.

MEMORIES OF PEGGY: Donna Botinelly

Mother was a small baby, born in a snowstorm. They put her basket on the open oven door to keep her warm when she was first born. We girls always loved that story.

She told stories of growing up with five brothers. That may have been how she got so tough-self-defense!! That toughness came in handy with some of her older, tougher students.

Mother sang around the house as she worked. She always added little lilts and grace

notes, making the music lovelier and her own. She was a lover of hymns and taught us girls to enjoy singing. She was such a creative lady-she and daddy worked on plays for youth groups, wrote and sang music with them, made wooden puppets and had puppet shows. She developed programs for topical items such as seashells (complete with a display board of shells she had collected), lighthouses, children's topics. She sometimes had opportunities to speak at local groups, and they always really enjoyed her. She loved our language and was a wordsmith. We three sisters will always be thankful that she read to us, taught us to read. We caught her passion for reading and all of us still take it seriously. Being a teacher found her writing children's books and lessons for her students.

She was a story teller par excellence. She regaled Ginny and me with many many stories of Mixie Pixie and her friend Peter Pixie. Mixie got mixed up and the rest of the story told how the situations were resolved. Sometimes when Daddy was gone, we girls would actually wake Mother up with, "What happened next, Mommy? What happened next?" as she struggled to stay awake long enough for US to go to sleep!!

Artistic skills were many in my mother's hands. Chalk pictures (with black light enhancement), painting, drawing, teaching her tutoring students to read instructions by her writing out how to draw a picture. She sewed clothes for her daughters and her daughters' dolls. She was quite a seamstress and provided us nice things with limited resources. She was a creative cook and once commented she was going to write a book, "One hundred ways to fix hamburger!"

Mother accompanied Daddy miles and miles to churches all over Kansas-one in Missouri. For years they drove on Sunday mornings to a small country church, preaching, teaching, leading music, singing duets. They were faithful servants.

Mother loved the Colorado mountains. Every opportunity she had to see the mountains and cold mountain streams just refreshed her somehow. She enjoyed the beauty in mountains, wildflowers, Canada geese, snow and ice on the trees, sunshine on the water, sunset sky. She loved and appreciated God's creation.

She lived a long full life with much variety of experience. She loved her husband and her daughters and stayed the course. What a lesson. She will be missed.

Miss Pearl: Brendan Botinelly

"She served the Lord well" These words in response to her passing offer an accurate summary of her years. August 18, 2021, this earth lost a true gem when Pearl Jewett

made her way home to be with Jesus. From her early days to her final breath there was evidence of Him in Miss Pearl's life. Strong and stubborn, she was an overflow of knowledge and wisdom, and her impact was undeniable. Those that knew her will always remember her, and remember her fondly for her tenacity and her transparency. There was rarely an instance of question about what she was thinking or feeling and she found such joy in laughter and the presence of family, whether family by blood or by election. Early in her years she learned the art of hospitality and welcomed generations into her home and into her life, sharing meals, hours and prayers with countless inside and outside of her circle. Her years as a pastor's wife grew her in service to the body of Christ and in diligence of the Word, as well as her loyalty to her community. Her service and dedication to education extended far beyond the walls of any school building and she truly longed to better those around her by what she had learned and experienced. "She led a good long life" is repeated often in moments of mourning, and here it is true in its precision. The family that follows her, three daughters, two grandsons and many nieces, nephews and cousins, will live lives in fond memory of Miss Pearl

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Town & Country Christian Church, 4925 SW 29th St., Topeka, KS 66614 or Manhattan Christian College, 1415 Anderson Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502.

Memorial gifts can be made to MCC (<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=4b6c80>) mark the gift Restricted Fund then list Peggy Jewett Memorial in the Comment Box.

Graveside funeral services will be held at Memorial Park Cemetery, 3616 SW Sixth Ave., Topeka, KS 66606 on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 1:00 PM.

Moore Funeral Home - Southlawn Chapel 918-663-2233

Previous Events

Graveside

AUG 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Park Cemetery-Topeka, KS
3616 SW Sixth Ave.
Topeka, KS 66606

Tribute Wall

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“Peggy was my tutor when I was in grade school. We would spend time painting, reading, and even making orange Julius’. So many fond memories with Peggy teaching me so much while being kind and patient. What a truly wonderful person.

Annie Spinelli - August 27, 2021 at 08:51 PM

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“The Jewett family were ministers at Cherryvale Christian Church when I was growing up. I gave my life to Jesus and was baptized at Hidden Haven Christian Camp as a teenager and still have the white New Testament Don and Peggy gave to me. I can remember Don and Peggy singing and they would be so happy to have Donna come home from MCC and she would play the piano. Then the whole family would sing!! It made made such an impression on me as a teen. How I wished my family could stand together and sing praises too. She also made these wonderful chalk drawings to music and then at the end Don would shine a blacklight on it and reveal the picture Peggy had hidden in it. Wow! How wonderful it was years later to have my Peggy at Town and Country Christian Church. God brought us together again to worship our Lord. Peggy was always so kind to me, as a teen and as a fellow adult working side by side in the church. My prayers are with all of you. In Christian Love Dana (Austin) Boyd

Dana L. Boyd - August 27, 2021 at 05:03 PM

“ Dear Family and friends of Peggy,

I first met Peggy when we taught together at Lafayette Elementary School. I was just beginning my career and Peggy was so supportive and encouraging. Even after she retired and I moved on to teach at State Street, we kept in touch. Once a week, Don and Peggy would volunteer in my classroom. Peggy would sit in my BIG rocking chair with all the students sitting on the floor gathered around her feet. She always carried in a BIG bag or two. We anxiously waited to see what she would pull out and what stories she would share. Often, she would have several mini bears who were a family and all their names started with the letter B. Our imaginations would travel right along with hers as we all went on these adventures together.

Most memorable however, was the "Rainbow song" that Peggy wrote and sang when the students were learning their colors. I continued to sing that song my entire career and the students and I loved it! Peggy and Don treated the class to "rainbow jello" as a reward for learning their colors.

During our Ocean unit, Don and Peggy would bring in several bags of sea shells. They were all shapes and sizes and she told about each one. Don even stood up and blew air into the largest one to make a horn sound. He was so tall and strong. They let each student glue together a sea shell paper weight to take home at the end of our lesson.

Don and Peggy lead a life of faithfulness and service. Peggy was an excellent role model as a wife, mother, teacher, and friend. Having her in my life made me a better person. I admired that she never complained when she developed double vision. She always said there were many worse things and she was not in any pain. We kept in touch on the phone and every spring break, my son, and another Lafayette friend would go get Peggy and have lunch at Perkins. She also made our family a homemade baby quilt after our first son was born. I remember Peggy and Don driving to my home to deliver it and hold our little baby boy. I still cherish that baby blanket.

Our love and prayers go out to Peggy's family. She was so special and will be missed.

Most sincerely, Lonna Latimer

Lonna Latimer - August 24, 2021 at 04:28 PM

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“ Mom was such a talented and creative person! She always had an idea for something to make and left us with so many fun memories for us, from holidays and playing board games, going to the ceramic shop when we visited in Topeka, and surprising me by coming down to Tulsa for one birthday. She was a thoughtful lady and was outstanding at keeping in touch with friends and family. She has many long time friends from the many different places we lived. We still hear from many of them!!
Our favorite thing was being silly and making her laugh which we did even in the nursing home!
She will b trully missed but leaves us with a good example of how to b a good and caring mom.

Ginny Swanson - August 24, 2021 at 11:45 AM

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“ Ginny, Donna and Joy...since my mom passed so early in life...I was always thankful you shared yours with me. I loved listening to her stories of going hunting with her dad and brothers, and other wonderful memories she held and shared. She would call me out of the blue...knowing I needed a mom to listen to my latest successes or failures. Sharing the words to Ed Sherren's song: Hallelujah
You were an angel in the shape of my mum
You got to see the person that I have become
Spread your wing
And I know that when God took you back he said Hallelujah
You're home

Linda De Coursey - August 22, 2021 at 01:53 PM

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“ To Donna and family, just a word to say I remember your folks from the student and faculty days I was in Manhattan. Hardworking and faithful servants of the Lord. You are in my prayers. David Benedict

David Benedict - August 22, 2021 at 01:36 PM