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**For the Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord will
give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold
from them that walk uprightly.**

Psalm 118:27

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering ; (for he is faithful that promised).

Hebrews 10:23

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Article VII

Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers who believe in the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and who have accepted Him as their personal Savior. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows.

- * Triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- * Creation and Formation
- * Man is basically sinful and in need of salvation
- * Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Savior, which is the conception of Spiritual Life
- * Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul, and Body, A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ
- * Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by the speaking in other languages
- * Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
- * Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- * Washing of feet
- * Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers
- * Do not condone divorce and remarriage
- * Destruction of the wicked
- * Conditional Immortality
- * Rapture of the Man Child Class
- * Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly
- * A ministry supported by tithes and offerings

These doctrines shall be adhered to in the teachings of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.



APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE COLLEGE

Go to learn. Learn to go.

With the arrival of summer, we celebrate all that God accomplished at AFBC this year! We had an amazing student body within whom we saw much growth. Our third year interns went above and beyond all year long. They led with consistency and helped create a positive culture within the dorms. Our second year students embraced leadership and forced themselves out of their comfort zones. They handled adversity with grace and matured through the process. Our first year students were very passive and timid at first. Throughout this year they stepped up and began to allow the Lord to use them in awesome ways. We are excited about the potential they have and look forward to seeing what the Lord accomplishes in them in the upcoming year.

On the physical side of things, we accomplished much this year. Last year, we stated we would like to tackle two big projects before we hosted the FGEA Convention: the apartment siding and the auditorium floor. I am happy to report that both were finished before the convention and entirely funded through specific, designated gifts. Along with these accomplishments, we also:

- renovated three restrooms
- had new sidewalks poured
- had a new handrail installed on the Admin porch
- replaced the Student Center foyer and porch flooring
- replaced the ramp and exterior carpet at the Chapel
- added a new, enlarged porch and gutters to the apartments
- had sod laid in the Admin yard
- installed proper drainage for the Admin and Student Center run-off.

Upon completion of these projects in April, we hosted the FGEA National Convention. It was a great success! The staff and students served well. We heard many people, some who had never been here, left AFBC impressed. We are thankful for the doors of fellowship the Lord has opened and the healing and restoration that is taking place.

We are currently working on finishing the final remodel in our staff apartments. The goal is to have this finalized by the first of August to allow Josh and Haylee to settle in before their daughter is born this fall. This is the fifth remodel we've undertaken over the last six years and once it is completed the entire staff apartment building (teachorage) will be newly renovated. Praise the Lord for His goodness, faithfulness, and continued provision!

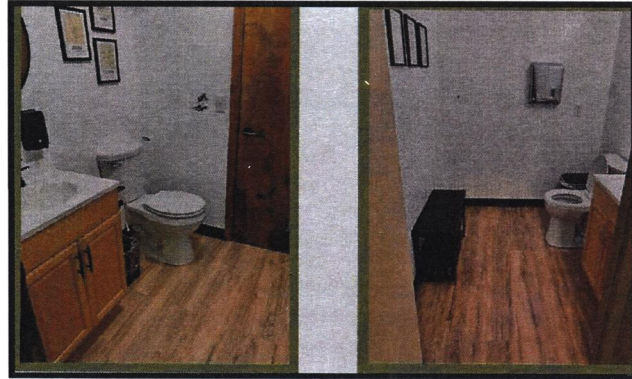
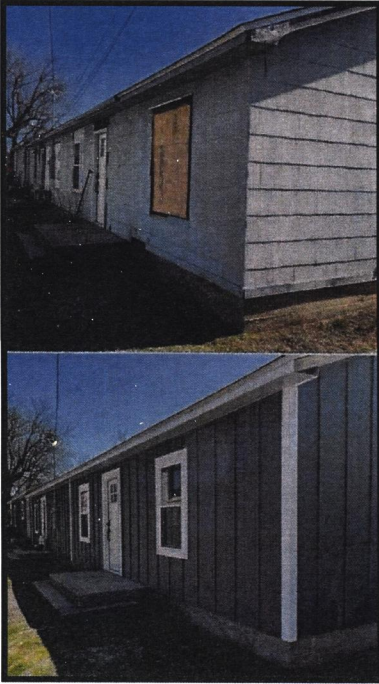
None of this would be possible without faithful friends and supporters like you. Thank you for making AFBC what it is! We love and appreciate each of you very much!

Believing Big,

Brian + Jenny Harris

AFBC Campus Updates

We were able to give a much needed update to the exterior of our staff housing.



New flooring was installed on all the restrooms across Campus as well as the Student Center foyer



The Auditorium floor was sanded and re-sealed



2024 AFBC Scholarship Recipient

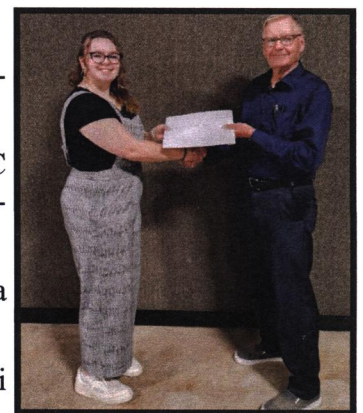
On May 9, 2024 a Scholarship was presented to Hannah Spaans, a 2024 graduate of AFBC by Randall Bensch.

The Scholarship fund was started several years ago to help graduates of AFBC to further their education. Christian workers are needed in all fields of occupation.

Hannah is from Webb City, MO and is the daughter of Dean and Cassandra Spaans. She attends

Her desire is to be an elementary school teacher and plans to attend Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, MO.

Please be in prayer for her as she continues to work for the Lord and as He opens doors for her.



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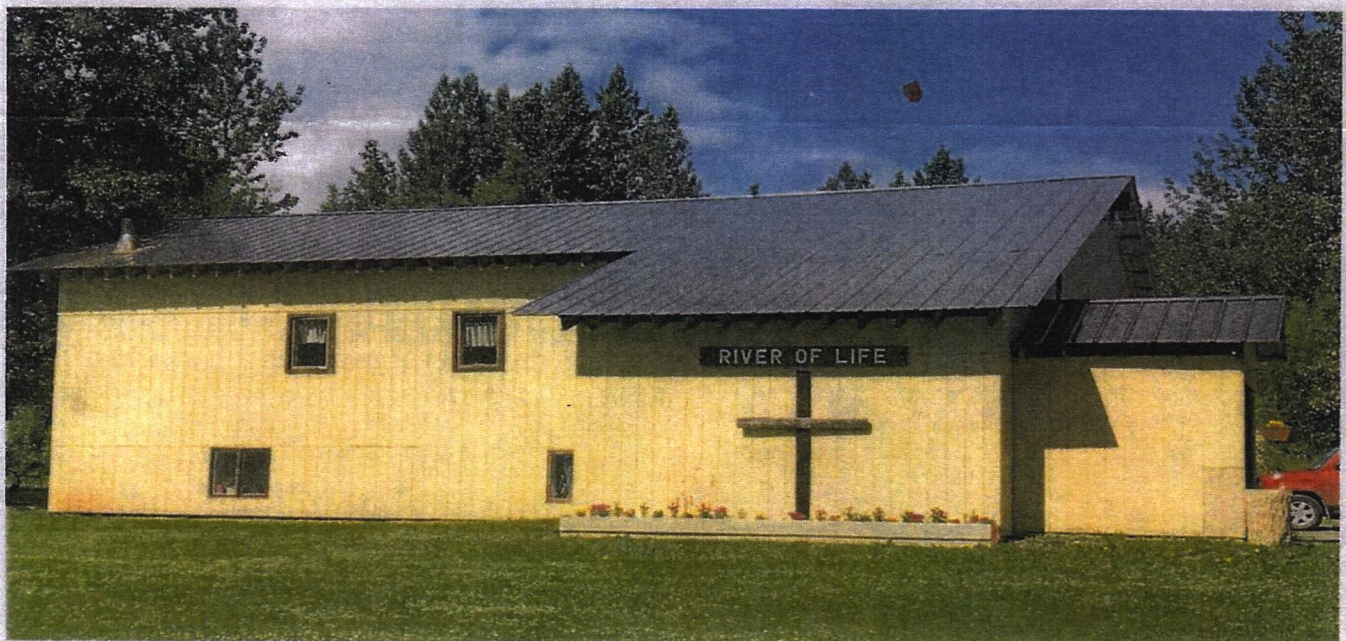
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Alumni Banquet-Where Friends Reunite and Worship

The Annual Alumni & Friends banquet was held on May 8, 2024 at the AFBC campus in Baxter Springs, KS.

Friends from as far away as California, Texas and Alabama gathered together to fellowship and praise the Lord for His goodness.

The theme for the evening “Beyond What We Can See” from I Corinthians 2:9 and Isaiah 64:4. These passages remind us that God is always at work behind the scenes and He has a plan so much bigger than what we can see now.



AFBC Students welcoming guests

Worship was led by Roger and Lori Scantlin and the presence of the Lord was felt as they shared with us worship through the ages



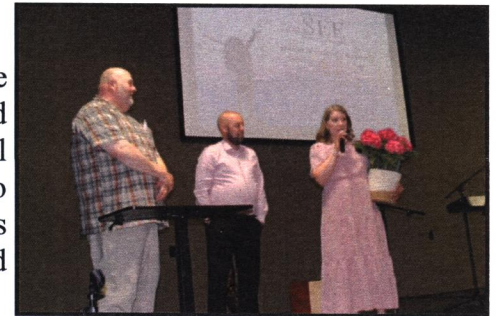
Roger & Lori Scantlin

.This was my last year to host the Banquet , as I am resigning my position as Alumni Association President.

It was an honor to be able to serve the AFBC Alumni and Friends in this capacity. I will

continue to stay in touch and hope you do the same. Let’s continue to support the work of AFBC with our prayers and financial support. May God bless you and keep you always . And let’s keep trusting God and looking up because He is coming soon!

Cheryl Moser



Cheryl receiving a “Thank You” from alumni Brian Moser and Michael Pearce



Class of 1974 attendees

Back- Alvin Buschman, Lynden Bensch, Terry Littau, Frank Amall

Front- Starley Bensch, Elaine Littau, Shirley Boyd

For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O, God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

Isaiah 64:4

But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

I Cor. 2:9

Gifts from the Lord

By Danny Robinson– Granby, MO

A gift is something that is given to someone without cost. It's free!

Luke 2:10-11 And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

What a gift to all people, a Saviour!

Romans 5:18– Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

Romans 6:23– For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Why would anybody not accept such a gift?

Ephesians 2:8– For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

Salvation: being saved from sin is also the gift from the Lord. Receiving Jesus as your Saviour (the Gift) brings into your life the great gift of salvation.

Ephesians 4:7– 8-But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of God. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high. He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Ephesians 4:11-12– And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors, and teachers. For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

All these are gifts for the saints. Thank God for pastors and teachers. They are gifts to us.

Are we like a gift we got for Christmas and we did not like it so we returned it? Let's appreciate and love the precious gifts of a pastor and teachers! Is the gift of a pastor and teacher something you want returned?

Matthew 16:19– And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

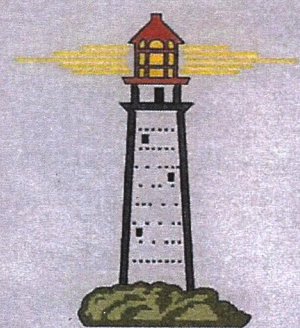
KEYS! Keys are to unlock a car door, a door to your house or simply, whatever is locked.

What would be some of these keys? Prayer, faith, wisdom, and understanding God's Word.

What keys do you have in your possession that the Lord has handed to you that you never use? This is why people struggle so: having a pocket full of usable keys that God handed them, and have never even unlocked doors to spiritual, physical, emotional and possibly financial blessings.

These are also tremendous gifts, Keys to the Kingdom. Prayer and faith can unlock all other locks!





Psalms 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?

There is nothing more impressive than the Creator of it all. Unfortunately He is invisible and we can lose perception of Him. Our fears, however, are not. What is it that causes you to be afraid? The Psalmist David is writing this Psalm of lament because he is pressed sore by an army of enemies. Some are of his own household. Others from rival kingdoms round about.

David remembers God through his fears and then everything changed. God is my LIGHT, and my salvation. Nothing is greater than him, not even lions, bears or giants. When we remember God is with us, promising to never leave or forsake us, then His light comes into our fears. The object of our fears become revealed as the weak enemies of our God. Our worship turns toward God who is our salvation and away from our fears.

His light is His very presence. When God arises, His enemies scatter. When I am weak, He is strong. God becomes the most revealed when our trust in Him is complete. Too often we work in our own effort to save ourselves, only relying on God when human effort proves inadequate. Truth is, God is our strength when we acknowledge Him and even when we do not. His rain and sun falls down on us all, regardless of our acknowledgment.

Much is lost by us to our enemies because we fear in the dark. Inviting God into all the situations and circumstances of our lives, gives light and salvation. He has a greater vantage point and greater wisdom. Looking to Him for direction and help and trusting Him in all things breaks the torment fear brings. Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. My God shall supply all my needs, according to His riches and glory, in Christ Jesus. When the enemy comes in like a flood, My God raises a standard against him.

The disciples bailed water from a sinking ship for hours one night while Jesus slept in the boat. They said, waking Him up, don't you care that we are going to die. Jesus rebuking the winds and the waves turned a light on their fears, and said, "where is your faith?" The greater power, ability, salvation, supply, you name it: had them in security the whole time being with them.

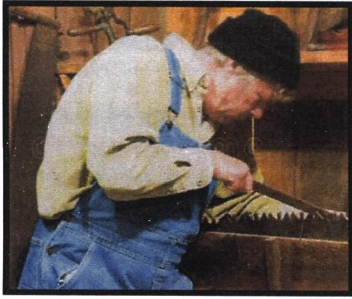
If God is for you, who can be against you? When you are afraid, allow Jesus to turn the light on your fears. Remember He is with you always, even to the end of the world. He will be your shield and fortress, your high tower you can run into and be safe. Trust in the Lord!

By Bill Derixson- Alvin, TX

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven

Matthew 5:16

Brother LaLodge by Rev. Fred Huff



This photo of a man sharpening a saw reminds me of Brother LaLodge in his tool-sharpening shed.

Brother LaLodge was a special elderly gentleman in my home church in Midwest City, OK when I was a young boy. He and his wife lived in a little old rock house about a half mile east of our home. The LaLodge's had a little shop next to their house. Although he was retired, Bro. LaLodge enjoyed sharpening lawn mower blades and saws. I knew him from church as a friendly, older man who moved slowly but smiled broadly. Generally, he was a quiet person, but he did regularly speak up in church with an "Amen" or "Praise the Lord" at appropriate times.

He was friendly to all of us and paid special attention to the kids. He would shake hands with each of us and speak kindly to us, if we would stop long enough to allow it. Sometimes the LaLodge's brought their great granddaughter to church. She was a beautiful girl with long dark hair, who probably in her late teens at the time. They were so proud of her, and it was obvious that she loved them too.

Sometimes I rode my bike up to Bro. LaLodge's shop and waited while he sharpened one of our saws or our lawn mower blades. I especially enjoyed visiting him after I got saved. He knew more of the Bible by heart than anyone I have known before. Not only could he quote verses, but he would also explain their meaning in detail. I will never forget the time he spent about an hour tearfully plumbing the depths of the 23rd Psalm with me. He spoke about it with a passion in his voice I have never heard from anyone except a few special preachers. Looking back on it now, I realize how greatly blessed I was to have an elderly gentleman who cared enough to share his deep, passionate knowledge with me a 12 year old boy.

I was amazed that Bro. LaLodge could do the things he did with his poor eyesight. Now that I have had some experience with the aging process, I suppose he had cataracts. But in 1961, the simple lens implant procedure that is so common now had not been invented. Cataracts could be corrected back then, but the surgery was more complex and was rarely done. I really think Bro. LaLodge did his sharpening as much as feel as by sight and that amazes me.

I used to notice Bro. & Sis. LaLodge in their car as they drove by, or as they pulled into the church parking lot. He drove slower than the rest of the traffic, and often had a few cars lined up behind him on our narrow blacktop road. One time I asked him about his eyesight while he was sharpening our blades. He just chuckled and said he did the best he could with the Lord's help. I was a little alarmed when he talked about his driving. He said he drove slowly because he couldn't see very well. When he came to a stoplight, he looked at the other cars to know what to do, because he could not see well enough to tell if the light was green or red. For that reason, he said he seldom drove into town anymore.

Realizing that he could no longer read at all, I was even more amazed that Bro. LaLodge could quote so many scriptures. If I ever knew someone who had hidden God's Word in his heart it was old Bro. LaLodge. I suppose he learned all those scriptures before he lost his eyesight. That thought made me want to never neglect my daily Bible study time. Oh, how I would miss it if I was no longer able to read. I thank God every day for the blessing of eyesight. I had cataract surgery in 2021 and can now see to read, drive, or use a computer, without glasses of any kind, for the first time in over 50 years.

It is humbling to realize how blessed I was to have spent time with a wise old man like Bro. LaLodge when I was 12 years old. I am thankful he was willing to share his insight with me. My memory of those visits with him is part of the reason I am sharing stories with you.

The godly wisdom that can come with age is becoming rarer these days. Unfortunately, that wisdom is now too often replaced or erased by viewing mind-numbing television for hours at a time. Dear Lord, please help me to faithfully share with others the precious truths You have graciously shared with me. Please anoint my feeble lips and fingers to accomplish Your purpose. Thank You for hearing my prayer, in the name of Jesus.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psalm 119:11

In Memory



Joyce Babst-1940-2014

Joyce Lee Babst, 83, of Joplin, MO passed away on Sunday March 24, 2024. She was born in Joplin, MO on November 23, 1940, to James and Ozella Bard.

Joy was previously employed by Commerce Bank in the 1970's where she met the love of her life, Robert H. Babst. They were married on October 18, 1975 in Joplin, MO where they raised their three children: Ronda Sloan of Golden, MO, Deborah Corey of Neosho, MO and Robert A. Babst of Navane, Florida.

Joy was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother supporting her family as a homemaker. She enjoyed spending time with her family on their farm riding the gator, planting flowers and celebrating their annual pumpkin picking.

Joy was an active member of the Original Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, MO where she taught Sunday School and played the organ and piano.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Babst, children Ronda Sloan, Deborah Carey and Robert A. Babst and wife Jana, grandchildren, Matthew and Wyatt Sloan, Trevor, Danielle and Carissa Carey, Gluliana and Harper Babst; sister Carol DeWeese, brother James Bard and sister Janet Stemm.

Graveside services were officiated by Pastor Cody Harris at Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery in Joplin, MO.

Willa Suman- 1931-2024

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of Willa Chloe Suman on April 1, 2024 in Joplin, MO. She was born on Oct. 1, 1931 in Montrose, CA to Houston and Geneva (Allman) Cook. Willa's life was a testament of her strength, talent and unwavering faith. Willa's academic prowess shone brightly as she graduated Salutatorian from Granby, MO High School on May 19, 1949. Her passion for music led her to the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, KS where she not only honed her self-taught skills but she also shared them through teaching.

An avid traveler, Willa embarked on spiritual journeys from MO to CA with close friends, attending revivals. It was upon returning to Joplin that she met her late husband, Harold Eugene Suman, who preceded her in death on Jan. 13, 1996. Their union on May 3, 1957, marked the beginning of adventures that took them from Joplin to Arizona and California where Willa made her mark professionally as a dedicated employee at Sears and later as a dedicated employee of Farmer's Chemical Company retiring in 1994.

Willa's devotion to her faith was evident in her lifelong commitment to the Apostolic Faith Church. As a talented pianist, she graced several local congregations with her music before becoming a cherished member of the Prosperity Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin. Her musical contributions enhanced countless church services until her health no longer permitted her attendance.

Willa was preceded in death by her loving parents, Houston and Geneva Cook; her sister, Faye Neff; and brothers in law, Charles Suman and Ned Neff. She leaves behind a legacy of love and memories cherished by her son Tyrone Suman; daughter, Teresa Horner; grandchildren Aisha Horner (Chance Eads) and Brock Horner; sister, Shari Cook; dear family friend, Christina Clifford and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Willa's life was a symphony of faith, love and music. Her memory will forever resonate in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing her. As we bid farewell to a remarkable woman, we take solace in knowing that her melody will echo in eternity. Services were held at Granby Memorial Cemetery, Pastor Carol Oakes officiated.



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Terry Arnall 1958-2024

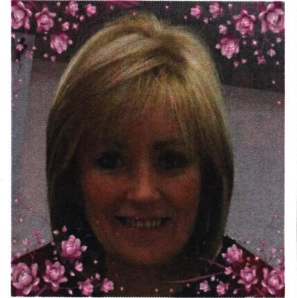
Terry Lynn Arnall, 66, of Granby, MO (formerly of Parkersburg, WV) peacefully at home, went on to be with her Lord and Savior on May 11, 2024.

She currently attended Granby Gospel Tabernacle in Granby, MO and had attended Frisco Church in Webb City, MO and Tri County Worship Center in Rockport, WV.

Terry was a lover of her family, children and the elderly. She spent over 30 years teaching Children's Church and Sunday School. She also cared for Senior Citizens and devoted many hours to their care and well being. She will be dearly missed by those that she poured her heart and soul into.

She is survived by one son, Jerimy Stewart of Parkersburg, WV; one grandson, Dalton Stewart of Salt Springs, F; one brother Colt (Maria) Rose of Charlotte, NC; many nieces and nephews; brother and sister-in-law's, also the special family of Rev. Everett & Betty Snyder and family; her wonderful Arnall family and her dog Happy. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, husband John James (JJ) Arnall; her parents Alpha Leone & Violet Rose; siblings Marsha Rose, Cody Rose and Alpha Pearl Rose.

Memorial services were held at Granby Gospel Tabernacle in Granby MO on May 17, 2024.



Thelma Neff- 1937-2024

Thelma Louise Clanton Neff passed on to her heavenly home on May 12, 2024, Mother's Day. She was 86 years old. She was the beloved "Mimi" of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was born on Aug. 27, 1937 in Vealmore, TX to Ernest & Minnie Murray Clanton. After graduating from high school, she attended Business School in Joplin, MO and then AFBC in Baxter Springs, KS. She married David Arthur Neff on July 12, 1957 and they set up their household in Wichita, KS next door to her in-laws. Dava Lynn Neff (Willis) was born in 1958. They were transferred to Houston, TX in 1959 where David worked at Braniff Airlines. Shawn David Neff was born in 1962. The family moved back to Wichita in 1965 with the intent of David taking over the family business, Neff Salvage Yard. When that didn't work out, the family moved back to Texas, this time to Alvin. With the opening of Houston Intercontinental Airport, David and Thelma built a house in Spring in 1969. On Sept. 25, 1971, the family was involved in a fatal car accident with David being killed and Thelma in the hospital for 9 months with numerous injuries. After several years of recuperating, Thelma went to work for John Moore State Farm Ins. In Spring. She learned the insurance business well and even trained a lot of the new agents for State Farm. She was also involved in the Oak Ridge Little League serving as Treasurer and President of the organization. Eventually, she and a partner opened a high risk insurance agency that flourished for several years. When that business was closed in the early 1990's she went back to work for State Farm. After working for several different agents, she went back to work for John Moore State Farm Insurance where she retired in 2004. Thelma took care of her mother (who had Alzheimer's) from 1994 to 2007. She also enjoyed attending grandchildren's activities crocheting, needlepoint, quilting, gardening and mowing her yard on her tractor. Tragically Alzheimer's struck her also and her kids had to help her more. In Jan, 2020 she moved to Bristol Park, a memory care facility where she lived the rest of her life.

Those preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, David and grandson Daniel Willis. Surviving are, daughter Dava (Tom) Willis, son, Shawn (Cyndi) Neff grandchildren; Rachel (Nathan) Erisman, David (John Hacker) Neff, Bobbi (Austin) Andrich. Great grandchildren are: Ian, Autumn, Bentley, Charlie, and Ralen. Siblings who survive are; Doris Welsh, Eugene (Carolyn) Clanton, Jo Powell, Dwayne Clanton and sister-in law, Edna Neff.

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