



Beverly Jean McWilson

July 2, 1940 - November 29, 2024

Beverly Jean McWilson, 84, of Jackson passed away surrounded by her family on Friday, November 29, 2024 at her home in Jackson.

Beverly was born July 2, 1940, in Zalma, Missouri to the late Lawrence and Iva Mae Burklow James. She and Kenneth McWilson were married on February 13, 1960, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He preceded her in death on April 5, 2024.

Beverly (also known as Bishie) grew up in Zalma, Missouri and also in Tunnel Hill, Illinois, one of eleven children. She is survived by three sons; Frederick Allan (Beverly Gohn) McWilson of Woodland Park, Colorado, Michael Ray (Kerri Allan) McWilson and Randal Lee (Amanda Pruitt) McWilson both of Jackson, Missouri; 10 grandchildren, Drew (Sierra) McWilson, Lance (Kristen) McWilson, Joshua (Cassandra) McWilson, Jordan (Joseph) Randol, Courtney (Wil) Linder, Kryston (Nick) Graning, Kathryn (Colten) Proffer, Ashton (Adam) Eastin, Chase McWilson, Levi McWilson and 21 great grandchildren; two brothers, Henry James of Goreville, Illinois and Harold (Jeanette) James of Marble Hill, Missouri and two sisters, Patricia Choate VanMatre of Effingham, Illinois and Charlotte "Jody" (Hal) Stanger of Santa Cruz, California along with many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by three brothers;

Charles, Donald and William James and three sisters, Mary Rendleman-West, Martha Becker, and Shirley Brzowski.

Beverly came to know Jesus as her Lord and Savior at a young age, and was a longtime member of the Jackson Gospel Chapel, often using her wonderful ability to play the piano by ear to aid her fellow Christians in worship. Besides being a dedicated mother, grandmother and wife, Bev wore many other hats over the years, including: legal secretary, Kansas telephone operator, business bookkeeper, office manager, and director of the El Nathan Nursing Care facility in Marble Hill for several years.

She met the love of her life in Los Angeles in 1960 and they married on the day before Valentine's Day of that same year. They moved to San Jose, California, where they raised their 3 sons. In 1979, Bev and Ken both quit their jobs, sold their home, and eventually transplanted the family to Jackson, Missouri. Bev helped her husband open his own car repair business (Ken's Auto Repair), before she began working for several other companies in the area. She loved hospitality and friends and family were thrilled by her southern cooking and delicious desserts. She enjoyed traveling and cruises, having visited many states and national landmarks, including Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

Bev was a formidable Scrabble and Yahtzee player, and in years past enjoyed spending most warm-weather weekends on Wappapello and Kincaid Lakes with family and friends. She was well-known for her stylish and colorful clothes and jewelry that was always perfect for the occasion. A natural performer, Beverly regularly gathered to sing and play music with her many talented brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at Ford and Sons Funeral Home in Jackson, Missouri between 9-11 am. Funeral service will be at 11 am

at Ford and Sons Funeral Home in Jackson with the Eric Michelsen officiating. Burial will be at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri at a later date.

Memorials make take the form a contributions to: Turkey Hill Ranch Bible Camp.

www.turkeyhillranch.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Jackson
708 W. Main Street
Jackson, MO 63755
(573) 243-2541
info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Ceremony

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GA

“ I met Beverly when she lived in San Jose CA. I was her babysitter. Beverly got me my first job where she worked. Once you meet Beverly you don't forget her. Condolences to her family for their loss.

Gail - September 23, 2025 at 05:15 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Beverly Jean McWilson.



December 06, 2024 at 02:44 PM

SF

“ Scott Pearce and family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Beverly Jean McWilson.



Scott Pearce and family - December 06, 2024 at 02:23 PM

JB

“ So sorry for you loss but know you are joyful that Bev is enjoying the presence of the Lord. We always think of how lively and fun loving she was when we fellowshipped at the chapel together. Joe and Deb Beussink

Joe and Deb Beussink - December 06, 2024 at 12:44 PM

CJ

“ Chris & Debra James purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Beverly Jean McWilson.



Chris & Debra James - December 05, 2024 at 05:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Beverly Jean McWilson.



December 05, 2024 at 03:52 PM

AJ

“ Allen and Angela James purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Beverly Jean McWilson.



Allen and Angela James - December 05, 2024 at 03:12 PM

JB

“ John Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beverly Jean McWilson.

John Brown - December 05, 2024 at 01:15 PM

JB

“ John Brown purchased the Red Poinsettia for the family of Beverly Jean McWilson.



John Brown - December 05, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beverly Jean McWilson.

December 04, 2024 at 05:43 PM

CF

“ Chester & Susie Reed & family purchased the Red Poinsettia for the family of Beverly Jean McWilson.



Chester & Susie Reed & family - December 04, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Beverly Jean McWilson.

December 02, 2024 at 12:36 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beverly Jean McWilson.* ”



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