



Doris Jean Swallow

February 1, 1940 - November 16, 2018

Doris Jean (Gates) Swallow was born on February 1, 1940 in Pomona, Kansas, the daughter of Floyd and Grace (Gilliland) Gates. Doris grew up in the Pomona area and graduated from Pomona High School in 1958. She then attended Emporia State Teachers College.

On December 5, 1959, she was united in marriage to Larry Lee Swallow. The two shared forty-seven years together before he passed away in 2007.

After marriage, Doris followed Larry in his Naval Career. They started off in Maryland where their first two boys were born at the Bethesda Naval Hospital. Following Larry's honorable discharge in 1961, the couple returned to the Pomona area where they had their third son. They built a home in the city of Pomona, taking residence in 1965. Although not a family member in the traditional sense, Keith Longan was also considered part of the family.

She began sewing custom pieces for various groups and individuals in Pomona and surrounding areas. These often included wedding dresses, Eastern Star Formals, and Cheerleading/Pep Club outfits. She even made over 100 of these outfits in one year alone! In addition, she also designed and sewed her eldest son's entire wedding party attire.

Along with her custom sewing, she worked for the Pomona Lumber Company, serving for 12 years as the office manager and bookkeeper. During this time, she also worked part time as a cashier at the Browning Mercantile in Pomona.

Doris and Larry moved to Topeka in 1982 where Larry became the Fire Chief of the Topeka Tecumseh Fire District. During this time, Doris worked at JC Penny's for three and a half years as a sales associate. She also started working part time as a bookkeeper at the Topeka Tecumseh Fire District.

She and Larry established an antique dealer business which operated in the Topeka Area for over 30 years. Doris continued to run the business until her passing. Throughout this time, she was an avid collector of antiques and often displayed many of these treasures in her home.

Doris was very passionate about being involved in her community. She did craft shows, volunteered at Hospice for 10 Years, was active in school activities, raised money to buy equipment and supplies for the Pomona Womens Auxiliary, took part in the Recreation Board, and also served as a Sunday school teacher and Cub Scout leader. She was an active member of the Berryton United Methodist Church.

Doris enjoyed vacations and traveling with friends and family. Some of these adventures included going to Seattle to visit cousins, taking an Alaskan cruise, fishing in Canada with her husband and immediate family, trying her luck in Vegas, antiquing in various cities across the United States, camping in Colorado, and making frequent trips to Texas to visit family and friends.

Doris is survived by three sons, Steve Swallow, his wife Sonja and children, Brad and Kari (husband Nolan) of Texas; Dave Swallow, his wife Susan, and children Craig and Karyn of Texas; Dan Swallow and his sons, Aaron (wife Erin, sons Hayden and Ben) and Ryan (son Preston) of Kansas; a niece and nephew.

Mrs. Swallow was preceded in death by her husband Larry, her mother Grace and father Floyd, her sister Betty Jane and brother-in-law Don.

Doris Swallow was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, and friend. She was often described as selfless and generous. She put others before herself, especially when it came to family and friends. She would often express how blessed she was to have so many supportive and devoted friends to enjoy life with. Her drive for life rested on being active and making the most of every day; this often included sewing, volunteering, traveling, antiquing, or catching up with friends and family. She will be deeply missed but will remain in the hearts and thoughts of her family and friends forever...

Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 24, 2018 at Woodlawn Cemetery, Pomona, KS. Family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Saturday, November 24, 2018 at Greenwood-Roberts Funeral Home, 730 Western Heights Dr., Overbrook, KS. In lieu of flowers the family has suggested memorial contributions be made to Great Lakes Caring Hospice sent in c/o Greenwood-Roberts

Funeral Home, P.O. Box 268, Overbrook, KS 66524. Condolences may be sent to the family through lamb-roberts.com.

Cemetery

Events

Woodlawn Cemetery

1000 W Franklin St
Pomona, KS, 66076

NOV 24 **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Lamb- Roberts Funeral Home, Overbrook
730 Western Heights Drive P.O. Box 268, Overbrook, KS, US,
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NOV 24 **Graveside Services** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ We will so miss Doris...but can't wish her back to pain and suffering! She was such a joy to be around...we often visited about the good times "way back when" at Grandma Lettie's house for holidays or family get togethers. Good times, good memories!

Doris's faith sustained her through many trials, and is a lesson for all of us. She was ready to go, and thankfully the Lord was merciful and called her home before she was at the point of constant pain.

Another thing I think about...no one's family could have done a better job of caring for a parent, and Doris was so proud (rightly!) of her family. It is a wonderful testament to the love and caring that the family enjoyed, all through their growing up years and extending into their adult lives. Doris's life was all about her family...exactly the way ever family should be raised!

Mrs. Leland Gilliland - November 19, 2018 at 08:44 PM



“ Doris was one of the shining lights in the class of '58. She always had a smile on her face. I know she was very proud of her family of boys as demonstrated by her comments on Facebook. I send my sympathies to the family.

Milt Pippenger - November 19, 2018 at 05:54 PM



“ Jessica Heidari & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Doris Jean Swallow.



Jessica Heidari & Family - November 19, 2018 at 04:18 PM



“ My greatest memory is if long conversations with my husband Rick, Doris and myself at Deanna's pool party every July. We loved her humor & the fact that she always made Rick feel comfortable and got him talking They are Angel's together in heaven.

Grace Strachan - November 19, 2018 at 02:33 PM



“ Wanda Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Doris Jean Swallow



Wanda Hamilton - November 19, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ Larry L Jones purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Doris Jean Swallow.



Larry L Jones - November 19, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Doris Jean Swallow.



November 19, 2018 at 08:26 AM