



## Dena Jo Kettinger

May 26, 1941 - July 6, 2018

Dena Jo Kettinger, 77, of rural Richland, Missouri, died at her home, July 6, 2018. She was born May 26, 1941 in rural Camden County, to William Raymond and Elizabeth Kathleen (Scott) Oursbourn.

Dena professed her faith in Christ at an early age and was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Lynn Oursbourn and a grandson, Nick Smith.

Dena had a passion for the simple and natural things in life and a true desire to care for others. In addition to lovingly raising her family, she always found time to provide care and comfort to many of the elderly of the community. She found great pleasure in gardening and landscaping and enjoyed observing and caring for the little creatures of the world. She enjoyed traveling to different states, visiting flea markets, and if time allowed, painting. She could always be found involved in the activities of her church; teaching Sunday school, singing in the choir, and providing delicious food items. She read and studied the Bible and possessed a true and unwavering faith.

Dena is survived by her husband, Frank of the home, four daughters: Gina Smith (Randall) of Stoutland, MO, Melody Phillips (George) of Barnhart, MO,

Melisa French (Steven) of Wales, United Kingdom, April York (Johnny) of Waynesville, MO; two sons: Dale Kettinger (Lora) of Chattanooga, TN and Gaylon Kettinger (Mary) of Ulman, MO; one sister: Evelyn Starnes of Stoutland, MO; one sister-in-law: Sybil Oursbourn of Lebanon, MO; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and 2 on the way; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Dena will forever be remembered as a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, cousin, neighbor and friend. Her sweet spirit and beautiful smile will forever be treasured by those who loved her.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 10, 2018, in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Pastor Billy Williams officiating. Mark Mortonsen gave a touching eulogy. Soloist and pianist, Missy Miller sang "The Prettiest Flowers Will Be Blooming" and also led the congregation in singing; "I'll Fly Away." Serving as escorts were Shane Ogle, John York, Elijah Spurgeon, Micah Smith, Jonah Phillips and Steve Nast. Honorary escorts included George Phillips, Randall Smith and Larry Ogle.

Burial followed in the Oaklawn Cemetery of Richland.

Services were entrusted to Memorial Chapel of Richland.

# Cemetery Details

## **Oaklawn Cemetery**

Richland, MO 65556

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Dena Jo Kettinger*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - July 11, 2018 at 11:14 AM



“ *Dena Jo Kettinger*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *God never created a more loving, kind, gentle spirit than Miss Dena! We were so blessed to be part of her family. And when God brought Dena and Frank together...He could NOT have done any better in my opinion!!*

*Dena and Frank complimented one another so well (-: Our hearts break for you all & pray for strength, comfort & grace in the difficult days ahead. One thing is for sure...our loss was definitely Heaven's gain! Love you guys.*



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**Barry & Cheryl Oursbourn** - July 13, 2018 at 05:02 PM



*Mama always told me that family is key. Please know that your kind words are a blessing and that she was blessed to call you family.*

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**April York** - July 18, 2018 at 02:27 AM

CZ

“ *Dena cleaned house for my Nannie when I was little. There were many afternoons that we had snacks together and visited when I was very young. I will miss Dena. Love you all.* ”

Casey Zeigenbein - July 10, 2018 at 10:18 AM

AY

*Thank you for your memories. Your Nannie's house is one of my childhood memories. Mama that the world of your family, and we all did. Thank you for your kind words.*

April York - July 18, 2018 at 02:29 AM

LD

“ *Leslie Dube lit a candle in memory of Dena Jo Kettinger* ”



Leslie Dube - July 09, 2018 at 01:53 PM

CA

“ *So sorry Frank and girls. Dena was a loving person. She will be greatly missed. She was a good neighbor. Prayers for comfort. Carol & Jerry Gideon* ”



Carol - July 09, 2018 at 08:40 AM



“ *Kenya Yows Kraft lit a candle in memory of Dena Jo Kettinger*



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**Kenya Yows Kraft** - July 08, 2018 at 04:12 PM

MG

“ *Matthew GrayShaw lit a candle in memory of Dena Jo Kettinger*



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**Matthew GrayShaw** - July 08, 2018 at 03:57 PM

MK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Dena cleaned for my parents Bill and Gladys Halter. After my mother died, she continued to clean for my dad and did his laundry. She looked out for him in other ways too. We were so grateful for all she did. One Sunday she noticed he hadn't gotten his paper and after calling my aunt went in and found him. That was the day he died. By the time we got there the house was clean, the linens were washed...she was such a blessing to us all. I was so happy for her when she found a new love and life. We exchanged cards at Christmas, so we did keep in touch. She was truly a caring, beautiful lady.*

*Miriam Halter Kerns*

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**Miriam Halter Kerns** - July 07, 2018 at 11:57 PM

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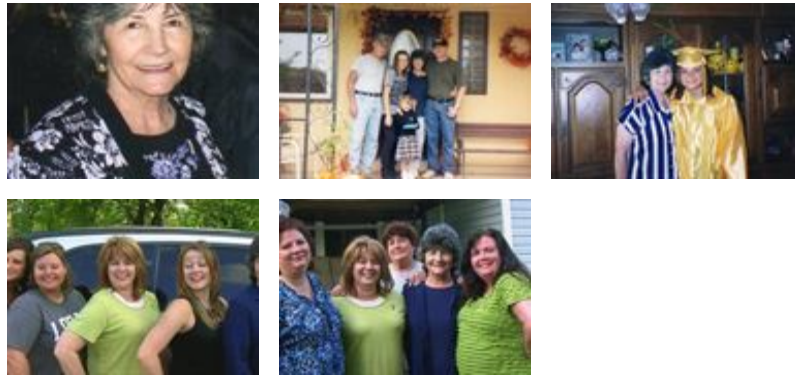
“ Robin Woolsey lit a candle in memory of Dena Jo Kettinger



Robin Woolsey - July 07, 2018 at 06:00 PM



“ 68 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 07, 2018 at 01:34 PM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Dena Jo Kettinger



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - July 07, 2018 at 11:40 AM

SE

“ *Scott & Erica lit a candle in memory of Dena Jo Kettinger*



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**Scott & Erica** - July 07, 2018 at 08:31 AM

RH

“ *Robin Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Dena Jo Kettinger*



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**Robin Hobbs** - July 07, 2018 at 07:30 AM

PM

“ *Pete And Chris Malley lit a candle in memory of Dena Jo Kettinger*



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**Pete and Chris Malley** - July 06, 2018 at 06:28 PM