



Lula M. Kent

February 11, 1935 - January 7, 2013

Mrs. Lula Mae Kent of Bolivar, Missouri passed away Monday, January 7, 2013 at Select Specialty Hospital in Springfield, Missouri at the age of 77 years, 10 months, and 27 days. Lula was born on February 11, 1935 to Dora Blanche (Mitchem) Mustain and Richard "Harrison" Mustain in Fair Play, Missouri. Lula was raised in the Bolivar area and made her home in Bolivar for most of her adult life.

She married Eugene Albert "Pinky" Kent at the First Christian Church on July 6, 1962. They were blessed with a total of three children: Jayne, Kevin and Michael. They made their home in Bolivar where Lula took a part time job over the holidays at the local Western Auto. That part time job was to become a career that spanned over 51 years. Known today as Roweton's Home Center, Lula felt fortunate to be able to work there right up till the day the pneumonia she developed required her hospitalization. Lazy was a foreign concept to Lula and she took great pride in being able to work. She was a veritable fountain of knowledge in all things relating to hardware.

Lula was a member of the Genealogical Society, Historical Society, Rebecca

Lodge and had been honored by the Rotary Club in 2007 as the first recipient of the Second Mile Award. She was a believer in giving back to her community, but did not seek recognition for doing so. Instead, she was an anonymous contributor to various charities in which she found merit. To honor that memory, the family would like to challenge everyone that hasn't, to please find a similar way in which to support your own community. Whether it be time or money, it was important for Lula to give back. Also, Lula was not only an SBU Booster but probably the best cheerleader that any of the local teams could possibly have. Her favorite sport was basketball and over the years she became a lexicon of knowledge as related to not only local teams but college as well. She always enjoyed March Madness and was usually pretty accurate in predicting its outcome. Lula loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them as well as her many friends. She was never too busy to say "Howdy" or stop for a minute to chew the fat. In fact, Lula loved to eat out so that she could have more time to visit. Why waste all that time in the kitchen when she could spend more time with family and friends by going out?

Lula is survived by her daughter Jayne Dobbs and husband Darren of Mtn. Grove, MO., two sons; Kevin Kent of Fair Play, MO., and Michael Kent and wife Aline of Pelham, NC., four grandsons; Michael Kent, Jr., Jonathan Kent, David Kent, and Allen Dobbs; five great grandchildren, Shawn Kent, Merci Kent, Chris Carter, Lauren Carter, and Brad Carter; two sisters, Shirley Trammell and husband Bud of Bolivar, MO., Cookie Witt of Ash Grove, MO., two brothers, Ted Mustain and wife Ginger of Hemet, CA., Robert Mustain and wife Judy of Brighton, MO., sister-in-law Evelyn Toelle of Oklahoma City, OK., , many nieces, nephews, and other relatives, plus a host of friends.

Lula was preceded in death by her husband Eugene "Pinky" Kent, a brother Tom Mustain, two sisters-in-law, Connie Mustain and Helen Rice; and two brothers-in-law, Jerry Witt and Charles Toelle.

Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00pm Thursday evening at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 11 at 11:00 AM in the Butler Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow and be at the Dunnegan Cemetery under the direction of the Butler Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Tremain Hospitality House in Bolivar, Missouri.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lula M. Kent*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Lula M. Kent*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *We are proud and honor to know this beautiful lady , her sweet spirit touch all who talk and met her. May her family find comfort that lula memory will be alive by their love. God bless you all... Robertlee & Teresa*

Robert lee & Teresa Evans - January 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lula always made me feel so very welcome anytime I traveled to Bolivar, MO., to visit my aging parents. I stopped by Roweton's just to say, "Hello," and to buy small John Deere toys for my grandson in Colorado. Lula also sold us several new appliances for my father's kitchen. I last saw Lula and her son the week of Labor Day 2012 at Collins' restaurant on Highway #13. Lula felt like "family." I will miss seeing her, but know we will meet someday again in heaven.*

Mrs. Evie Jones - January 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Your mother was a wonderful person. I always ate lunch with her when I worked down town. She was always concerned about everyone and we had such good talks together. I will miss seeing her but she will always be in my thoughts.

Judi Ball - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ We loved Lula very much. I have many fun memories of her but especially the way she touched my son, Micah's life. They ate lunch together almost every wednesday at Mom's Deli. When he got back he would always tell me about her and their lunch friends. He will miss her greatly as we will we all. Your family is in our prayers.

Lacey Peterson - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Lula always greeted me with a smile and humor. She'll be greatly missed by so many. Prayers go out to the family.

Anne Rippeon - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Our sincere sympathy to the family. She was loved and will be sorely missed by all.

Jim & Sue Davolt - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Prayers are with your family. Lula was a very special lady and will be greatly missed.

Elizabeth Choate Harris - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Sweet memories of our Rebekah days. Florence and Mother and Lula and me. Also our good times at Friendship Harbor Class at Bolivar Christian Church, Pinky and Clarence also.

Doris Fullerton Ware - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ What an absence for bolivar--Lula was always so helpful and cheerful. She will be missed. We will keep her and the family in our prayers.

ben and carol divin - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Lulu Kent was the wife of my first cousin, Gene Kent. Fond memories will remain of the close relationship of her family and ours. The highlights of that relationship included "all of the cousins" being together at the "Nightingale Reunion" at the Lake of the Ozarks! These times were filled with fun, laughter, great food, exemplified by Lulu's great recipes!! We reminisced "the old" days through picture albums and never-to-be forgotten stories! We will miss, Lulu!

She was "always" there with a smile and helpful word! Love you, Lu!

Don Shaffer

Don Shaffer - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ We have had the pleasure of living across the street from Lula and Gene for almost 19 years. We both would have wished for more.

Roger & Sharon Vote - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Lula will be missed by all. Hasn't been that long since I saw her.*

Jim Whitman

James Whitman - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Cookie, Parish, Leanne, and Austin,*

So very sorry for your loss. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Brad, Glori Anne, and Lindsey Hedrick - January 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *We send our sympathies to the whole family in MO for the loss of our loved one Lula. Thank you to Shirley Tremmel for all the support and love to cousin Georgia.*

Georgia and Natalie Austin - January 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *We enjoyed visiting with Lula whenever we were in Roweton's. She will be missed by many and all of us who go into the store. Praying for the family for God's comfort.*

Carl & Jo Ann Summers - January 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *We will really miss Lula in Rowetons. Cannot imagine going in the store and not seeing her there. We're sure she will be there in spirit. God bless and comfort her family*

Dannie and Mary Jane Hubbert - January 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *What a sweet soul Miss Lulu was(our kids called her Lulu). She will be missed by all at Roweton's. I have enjoyed many conversations about ball games with Miss Lulu on Saturdays and will miss those visits. We will keep your family in our prayers.*

Matt and LeAnn Henenberg - January 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Sympathies to Lula's family.*

In addition to her family, she was special to many.

Linda Wollard - January 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Lula was a special lady, loved by more than one can count. She has a special place in the hearts of many. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*

Charles, Leta & Valary Gass - January 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Lulu will be missed. We will keep Lulu and her family in our prayers.*

Kevin & Jeri Hubbert - January 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *lula is going to be missed. had alot of memories of her every time you go to rowtons lula was there to help you ,. she knew everyone names and their families may god comfort you*

debbie butler jackson - January 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Lulu's passing. She had a sweet soul and was a very loving person. I was fortunate to have seen her in September, as I rarely had that opportunity. She was so kind to remember my Mother, and her family was special to ours. I am sure she is in the arms of the Lord. Jeane

Jeane Fullerton Skyles - January 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Lula M. Kent c/o BUTLER FUNERAL HOME funeral home.

January 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ So sorry for your loss.

Ron&Melba Butler - January 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ Will miss seeing Lula at Roweton's Home Center. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Harlie and Nancy Gallatin - January 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ We will miss Lula, very much. I had a great opportunity of getting to know her well when I worked at Norma's. I also enjoyed her smiling face and great memory everytime I went to Roweton's. Deepest Sympathies to the family.

Erin - January 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Lula was a very special person. Will miss her at Rowetons and seeing her at Mid mo Bank. God bless your family* ”

Royce Slagle - January 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM