



Velma Lear

June 14, 1931 - March 25, 2024

Velma Louise Brizendine Lear was born on June 14, 1931 in Jamestown, MO to Herbert Lee and Bertha Marie Small Brizendine. She passed away peacefully after a brief illness on March 25, 2024 surrounded by her loving family.

She was a loyal friend and a famous cook who was best known for her kindness to everyone she met and her devotion to her beloved husband of 73 years, Stanley Lear. The two met when she was playing cards at a relative's home in Hickory County and he was visiting from Minnesota. Stanley noticed this tall blonde beauty sitting on a cream can and the two were inseparable almost from then on. They married on January 7, 1951.

Velma was a longtime employee of the sale barn in Humansville and of Lear Insurance. For more than 30 years, her evenings included seeing to the needs of aging parents and other relatives. When she got home around 10 pm, she started baking. She adored all of her and Stanley's large extended family and most weekends included preparing huge meals for company at their house, entertaining her grandchildren, or traveling to visit relatives. Everyone loved sitting at her kitchen bar amazed at the spread she could produce in no time. Her peach cobbler was without equal, her peanut brittle was newspaper thin and she could throw together her "hot dish" in minutes to feed a crowd of any size. She made all of this look effortless and always looked like a million

bucks. No wonder she never had any trouble sleeping!

She is survived by Stanley, her two children, Steve (Charla) Lear and Kimberly (Don) McKee both of Bolivar. She has three grandchildren, Stephanie (Shawn) Bone of Alexandria, VA, Jarett (Sarah) Lear of Lenexa, KS, and Dustin (Jess) McKee of Auburn, AL. Granny V also treasured her three great grandchildren, Ainsleigh and Kieran Bone and Steven Lear.

Velma was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Nellie Hauffle and Wanda Herman, as well as many other beloved relatives on both sides of her and Stanley's family.

Visitation will be at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO at 10 am Friday, March 29, 2024 and then a Celebration of Life service at 11 am. Burial will follow at Antioch Cemetery in Pittsburg, MO.

Services are under the care and direction of Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar.

Cemetery Details

Antioch

Pittsburg, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside

MAR 29 (CT)

Antioch
Pittsburg, MO

Tribute Wall

JL

“ *Such great memories of Aunt Velma, many of those involving great food, laughing around a game of cards, or many other times where she was usually sharing her servant's heart with love. Justin & Kenya*

Justin & Kenya Lear - March 28, 2024 at 03:56 PM

JF

“ *Justin & Kenya Lear Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Velma Lear.*



Justin & Kenya Lear Family - March 28, 2024 at 03:49 PM

JF

“ *Justin & Kenya Lear Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Velma Lear.*

Justin & Kenya Lear Family - March 28, 2024 at 03:49 PM

RB

“ *Had the privilege to work with this Lady at the Sale Barn for several years, they made non no better a very very nice Lady, so sorry for your loss Stanley Ronald & Cindy Bruce*

RONALD Bruce - March 27, 2024 at 08:55 PM

JK

“ J.R. KELLEY lit a candle in memory of Velma Lear



J.R. KELLEY - March 27, 2024 at 04:52 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Velma Lear.



March 27, 2024 at 04:23 PM

RL

“ Rod and Maggie Larson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Velma Lear.

Rod and Maggie Larson - March 27, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Velma Lear.



March 27, 2024 at 02:47 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Velma Lear.



March 27, 2024 at 10:35 AM



“ Rick and Marsha and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Velma Lear.

Rick and Marsha and Family - March 27, 2024 at 10:35 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Velma Lear.



March 27, 2024 at 08:41 AM



“ With Love, The Staff of New Kent DSS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Velma Lear.

With Love, The Staff of New Kent DSS - March 27, 2024 at 08:41 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Velma Lear.* ”



March 26, 2024 at 06:03 PM