



## Fern Iris Hall Leewright

July 9, 1933 - April 29, 2020

Fern Iris Hall Leewright was born July 9, 1933 in Lawrence, Kansas. She died April 29, 2020 in the loving arms of her husband, Earl Leewright. She was the 11th child born to Rev. W.E. and Lela Elizabeth Hall. Fern married Earl L Leewright on June 24, 1953, and they were happily married for almost 67 years. Together they had four daughters; Lynette Pardue, Sherry Ekstrom, Teresa Shepherd and Renita Landers. Fern gave her heart to the Lord when she was a young girl.

Fern is preceded in death by her 10 siblings and her granddaughter Sarah's husband, Scott Shellenberger. Fern is the proud grandmother to 13 and great grandmother to 16. She is survived by her four daughters and their husbands, Keith Pardue, Phil Ekstrom, Steve Shepherd and Jim Landers; 13 grandchildren, Stephanie Classen, Sarah Shellenberger, Stevie Shepherd, Carolyn Skogman, Jon Ekstrom, Danny Shepherd, Keith Earl Pardue, Jessie Fern Shepherd, Josh Landers, Emily Ladd, Audrey Landers, Mandy Landers, Allison Pardue. She is survived by 16 great grandchildren: Blake, Damien, Everett, Samuel, Joshua, Isaac, Libby, Iris, Nolan, Eli, June, Logan, Jasper, Cale, Micah and Hunter

Fern graduated from the University of Central Missouri with a degree in elementary education after her children were born. She received a Master's degree in Education from UMKC. She taught school for 21 years. She enjoyed

teaching Vacation Bible School, singing in the church choir and canning vegetables from Earl's garden. After retiring from teaching, Fern enjoyed traveling, entertaining, reading, making cakes, playing Rook and walking.

Fern was a member of the Carthage Church of the Nazarene, the Scott-Knox missionary chapter, the Missouri Retired Teachers Association, and the church choir.

Fern will be remembered for her love for God, for His Church, for her family and many friends.

The family wants to thank the staff at Medicalodges Pittsburg for their tender, loving care of our Mother for the past 5 years. A celebration of life will take place when it is safer for us to gather together. Services are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I’m just now reading about my favorite grade school teacher, Mrs. Leewright, sixth grade at Eastwood Elementary. This is Kathy Scantlin, I went to high school, with Sherry and Teresa and wanted to extend my deepest condolences to you both. I remember your mom being so sweet, kind and one of the most understanding teachers that I ever had at Eastwood Elementary grade school, Kansas City, Missouri. I remember it was always a treat to go up by your mom’s desk, at the beginning of the day, pull a tiny little card, from the “ bread of life,” and read a Bible verse that was printed on the card! I don’t know Sherry and Teresa if you knew that your mom taught us this in the sixth grade? But it truly was something I looked forward to with joy! She looks the same to me as she did a long time ago when I would’ve been 11 years old? I recognized your mother immediately and I hope you cherish the memories of your Mom. They will bring you comfort in the years to come. 🙏



Kathleen D’Angelo - June 27, 2021 at 10:14 AM

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“ Your family has always been a blessing to us. We remember fondly our times together at church and the wonderful friends we became, raising our children together. Then meeting again for many times of fellowship and fun times at the Baptiste Estate. Such great times visiting again and again when our paths would cross. Fern & Earl were such gracious host and hostess when we visited in their home. We will remember and thank God for friends like the Leewrights. May God continue to bless your family Earl and give comfort to all during this difficult time of adjustment. Keith & Betty Sears

Keith & Betty Sears - May 09, 2020 at 09:44 AM

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“ *Love and prayers for the family. My mother went to church with them and they were very loving to her. My mother talked about them all the time. They visited her at the nursing home and that my mom always remembered. MY heart goes out to your loving family. May God be with you .*



*Violet Stark  
Family*

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**Brenda (Stark) Seckman** - May 01, 2020 at 06:09 PM