



## Frances Irene Hansford

October 31, 1915 - August 21, 2018

Frances "Irene" Hansford, 102, passed away August 21, 2018 at Mercy Hospital in Joplin. Irene was born October 31, 1915 in Bowers Mill, LaRussell, MO to Fred and Eva "Turk" Grieb. She was a lifetime rural Diamond resident and a seamstress. Irene worked for Big Smith for several years, where she later retired. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Irene was united in marriage to Frank E. Hansford, September 26, 1936 in Diamond; he preceded her in death on November 17, 1996.

Irene is survived by two sons, Gary Hansford and wife Michele of Carthage, Freddie Hansford and wife Donna of Granby; one daughter-in-law, Vera Lea Hansford of Granby; one brother, W.A. Grieb of Oklahoma City; four grandchildren, Erin Bourscheski and husband Kent, Troy Hansford, Doug Hansford and wife Linda, Teresa Welke and husband Brian; six great grandchildren, Adam Bourscheski, Sara Bourscheski, Drew Bourscheski, Chris Welke, Alex, Welke and Austin Hansford.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and son Russell Hansford; three brothers, Claude Grieb, Lloyd Grieb and Lee Grieb; sister Edna Faye Morgan and one grandson, Thad Hansford.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 25, 2018 at Ulmer

Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, August 24, 2018 at Ulmer Funeral Home. Burial will be at Center Cemetery south of Carthage.

Contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society or Crosslines of Carthage in care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Online condolences can be made at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

**Center Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**AUG 24.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home  
1208 S. Garrison  
Carthage, MO 64836  
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### Service

**AUG 25.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KH

“ Keith & Susan Hirshey lit a candle in memory of Frances Irene Hansford



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Keith & Susan Hirshey - August 25, 2018 at 10:50 AM

AR

“ Our mother, Lois E. (Davis) Dahnke and Irene were childhood friends, who kept in touch with each other thru the years. My sisters, Lois, Sherry and I took mom to see and visit with Irene various times through the years. One of the visit that stood out the most was at Irene's Birthday Party at Diamond. I believe it was her 90th year of celebration) It was always good to see them together where they would talk over the years they had shared, talk about each other's family, laugh over the silly things they did and share some of their memories . I didn't realize that they had more to share, until I read her memorial and saw that Irene was born on October 31, 1915 passed away in August at the age of 103. You see, Mom was born in August and passed away on October 31, 2008 at the age of 93. I know they are happy to be reunited again in heaven with other loved ones. I am sorry we could not be at the funeral, but we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. She was a wonderful and special lady and I am thankful she was in our life. May God bless each of you and give you peace.

*Daughters of Lois Dahnke - Lois Lee Metcalf, Sherry Perkins, and Anita Reed*

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Anita (Dahnke) Reed - August 24, 2018 at 11:09 PM

DH

“*Freddie and Family, Know your mother will be missed here, but also know she is enjoying the view from her rocking chair on the front porch of her mansion.*”

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**Donna Marie Harris** - August 24, 2018 at 10:18 AM

GS

“*So sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Hansford. Our prayers & thoughts are with the family. Gary & Jera Swartz*”

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**Gary & Jera Swartz** - August 24, 2018 at 01:04 AM

JS

“*Gary and Michelle so sorry to hear of the passing of Irene. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and the rest of the family.*”

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**John and Mary Jane Stevens** - August 23, 2018 at 02:33 PM

BE

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**Becky** - August 23, 2018 at 11:22 AM

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**Becky** - August 23, 2018 at 11:06 AM

SW

“ *Irene was such a humble server of others. With little fanfare, she just did whatever she could to help anyone it seemed. Her thoughtfulness in sending a card and sweet note on Mother's Day to me were always treasured. I'll miss her smile and little laugh, but can only imagine how big that smile is after meeting Jesus face to face! I will think of her when using one of her dishrags. So many of my memories at Center Chapel include Irene. Gary and Michelle, thank you for all the care you have given to Irene and the way you have updated me through these last years.*

*Sincerely,  
Susan Wendleton*

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**Susan Wendleton** - August 22, 2018 at 10:15 PM

MR

“ *Gary and Michelle; So sorry to see this but can just see her and Aunt Earlene greeting each other over there. May God's grace and comfort be with you and your families. Hugs, Martha Renfrow*

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**Martha L Renfrow** - August 22, 2018 at 06:16 PM

SP

*Hansford Family, Irene was the sweetest lady and lived such a long wonderful life. I know she will be missed by all. She should be having a great old time in Heaven with her sister and brothers. My children all loved their Aunt Irene. Sincerely, Sarah Prince*

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**Sarah Prince** - August 23, 2018 at 08:50 AM

GC

*A book could and should be written on the life and adventurous times of Irene. Growing up and living between Irene and her sister Edna Faye Morgan, in a 3/4 mile area, those were two of the nicest, most kind, people that my parents and I ever knew. Between the two sisters having 5 mischievous boys between them that were in a span of like 5 years, kept Irene young. Another chapter in the book could be written about Irene and her cohort Mrs Greniger seeking adventure and driving around the country alone, while in their 90's. RIP Irene, and say hello to Edna Faye in Heaven. Gerald Capps*

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**Gerald Capps** - August 24, 2018 at 11:47 AM

MY

*Mother's friend Irene is now with her driving around heaven and giggling. I can hear them both. Sad to lose her here but know she is happy there. Losing Irene is like losing Mom again too. Sad for the family but she will be with you all forever.*

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**Marilyn Greninger Young** - August 24, 2018 at 01:09 PM