



## Kathleen "Kathy" Lee Bruner

October 25, 1931 - April 18, 2026

Kathleen "Kathy" Lee Bruner, 94, of Carthage, Missouri, passed away on Saturday, April

18, 2026, in North Carolina, where she had recently moved to be with her daughter and family.

Kathy was born on October 25, 1931, in Oronogo, Missouri, to John and Opal Lee. She

was a graduate of Webb City High School with the class of 1949 and went on to study

at Joplin Junior College. She had many hobbies: needlework, spending time with family and friends, walking around town, gardening, talking to the birds, butterflies, and God. She often commented she felt close to God when planting a fragrant flower of beauty and getting her hands dirty in the dirt he provided.

She retired from Boatmen's Bank in 1995 and was a former employee of The Webb Corp in Webb City where Kathy and Maurie crossed paths in 1950, their hearts in 1951, and they were united in marriage in 1955. She says "I have anticipated this day since your

departure, May 1, 2013, to be reunited with you through all eternity. A beautiful day with

a happy heart. Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. It has been quite a journey."

Kathy is survived by sons, Eric Bruner of Aurora, Missouri, Tom Bruner (Connie ) of North Carolina: daughter, Machel Ogle (Steve) of North

Carolina; grandchildren, Megan (Nate) Dobbs of North Carolina, Braden (Jenny) Ogle of North Carolina, Grace and Avery Bruner of Texas, Keygan Bruner (Mariah) of Liberal, Missouri, Karson Bruner (Noble) of California; and six great grandchildren, Eli Dobbs of North Carolina, James and Willow Ogle of North Carolina, Liam Bruner of Liberal, Missouri and Masiyn and Kallahan Bruner of California.

She was preceded in death by husband, Maurice Bruner; parents, John and Opal Lee; son, James Bruner (2004); and brother, Karl Lee.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ We knew Kathleen and her mother, Opal Lee, and her brother, Karl Lee for many years. Loving and caring friends and their families. Our thoughts and prayers for Kathleen’s family. Mary Steele Hensley.

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**Mary Steele Hensley** - April 24 at 03:12 PM

CG

“ Kathleen was a wonderful neighbor to us for so many years! My grandkids loved visiting her and being her “nurse” when she wasn’t feeling well. She always had hugs and smiles for them. Hugs and prayers for the family. ❤️  
Chris Gartner

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**Chris Gartner** - April 22 at 06:03 PM

PM

“ Kathy and I worked together at Boatmen’s Bank for several years. She had a wonderful personality and was such a great person to work with. I’m so sorry for your loss and will keep you all in my prayers.

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**Pam Moffatt** - April 22 at 12:31 PM

SO

“ Mom came into our North Carolina home January 27, 2026. A very rural setting where she enjoyed birds, wildlife, spring season in full bloom, glorious sunsets and her family. She was deeply loved and tenderly cared for by us all.  
One of her last requests was asking us to be kind to all people.  
Love you mamma -Shellie

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**Shellie Ogle** - April 22 at 11:04 AM

KW

“ *Such a dear and talented lady. I always enjoyed her company.*

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**Karen Williamson** - April 21 at 03:01 PM