



## Leslie E. Nivens

December 12, 1928 - March 1, 2020

Leslie E. Nivens, 91, passed away Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Spring River Christian Village in Joplin. Leslie was born December 12, 1928 in Diggins, MO to Leslie L. and Ruth "Templeton" Reagor. Leslie was a resident of Carthage since 1996. She was a registered nurse and was employed by the Missouri State Rehabilitation Center in Mt. Vernon, MO and McCune Brooks Hospital in Carthage.

Leslie was united in marriage to Hugh Westley Nivens on December 26, 1953 at his parent's home; he preceded her in death on August 23, 1990.

Leslie is survived by one son, David Nivens and his wife Leisa of Oronogo; one daughter, Sheri Slater and her husband, Kenneth of Kansas City, MO; one brother, Willis Brown of Joplin; nine grandchildren, Brandon, Kit, Kavan, Galen, Mary, Angela, Kirk, Kipp and Genny; seven great grandchildren, Jordan, Wyatt, Gunner, Arleigh, Gideon, Isaac and Amelia.

Leslie was preceded in death by two sisters, Faye Hicken and Glenda Blackwell.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2020 at Ulmer Funeral Home. Services will immediately follow at 2:00 p.m.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

MAR 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Deepest condolences to David, Leisa, Lisa and Kenneth . Aunt Leslie was a force of nature. She was a remarkable woman for her love of life , family and God. Her emails always made my day . Her laughter was a joy . She was a wonderful support to my mother . She will be missed .*

*Linda Blackwell*

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**Linda Blackwell** - March 07, 2020 at 04:16 PM

SM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family- even though I haven't met any of you- the past three years of meeting with Leslie monthly and hearing about you all - I feel like I know you. Leslie was truly one of a kind and I always looked forward to our meetings and left with a smile on my face. I'll always cherish our friendship.*

*Steve Molumby*

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**STEVEN MOLUMBY** - March 05, 2020 at 06:36 PM

KR

“ So appropriate that this was shared to me today. My beloved Aunt Leslie died today and this is absolutely true for her. I have never met a more faith filled individual who tried to live her life accordingly. I will miss her terribly, especially as she filled the void left in my life after my own mother's Alzheimer's diagnosis and eventual death. There are so many memories of times with Aunt Leslie - playing games was frequently at the center of it, but really it was just about spending time with friends and family. I was always thrilled when I managed to win a game against her - any game! Scrabble, Canasta, Rummikub, the list goes on and on. I loved that she earned her BSN at the age of 84. The important point being that she **EARNED** it!



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**Kathy Rolfe** - March 03, 2020 at 10:57 PM

JW

“ When I first moved to Carthage and didn't know anyone except my family, I was sitting in the pew in First Baptist Church and she sent me a note that said; Hello" I am Leslie Nivens" welcome to my world", I sent a note back telling her who I was and she invited me to her house, I enjoyed playing cards with her, and sharing Jesus. My prayers are with her family. Joyce Wiese

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**Joyce Wiese** - March 03, 2020 at 05:25 PM

SB

*Leslie was one of the nicest people I ever new we had one connection she was our neibor and we both had a passion for cooking we shared many good times she taught my nephew math and so she put him on a path to success in life she made the best peanut brittle you ever had she was a very caring and bright person going back to school and getting her madders degree was something she wanted to do she told me one time you can do anything you set your mind to*

Steve barlow - March 05, 2020 at 12:46 AM

SB

*And leslie is going to. Be truly missed by the many friends she had*

Steve barlow - March 05, 2020 at 12:47 AM

BB

“ David

*I am sorry to hear of your moms passing! She was quite a lady. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.*

*Barb Brightwell*

Barb Brightwell - March 03, 2020 at 02:26 PM

RZ

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing. The whole family is within our thoughts during this time. I will always remember helping her move and going to see her.*

Reese Z. - March 03, 2020 at 12:49 PM

KA

“ *I enjoyed her stories and she will be deeply missed!!*

Katrinia - March 03, 2020 at 01:48 AM

NR

“ So very sorry to learn of Leslie's passing. She was truly a joy to visit and spend time with. We shared several wonderful conversations. Prayers of peace and comfort to her family.

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**Nita Robinson** - March 03, 2020 at 12:46 AM

BC

“ I met her at st Luke's when my mom was there. She was such a joy to talk to. She gave my granddaughters books she had written. I would love more of them. She will be missed

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**barb cook** - March 02, 2020 at 11:02 PM

KK

“ I have known her for years she was a great woman she was loved

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**kim kerney** - March 02, 2020 at 08:46 PM

DB

“ Will never forget the kindness and games that we always played together with her and my Mom (Alta) and me. I always enjoyed our Bible discussions. She will be truly missed by all her friends. I know GOD will comfort you during this time of sorrow. May GOD bless the family, she was always so proud of each one of you and what you had accomplished.

It was always fun to hear about where she was moving next and all the people she would meet and was never a stranger to anyone and always spreading the Words of Jesus thru unique ways.

*Donna Baldwin.*

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**Donna Baldwin** - March 02, 2020 at 04:30 PM

E4

“ Thank you Leisa for informing me of Leslie's passing.  
I met your mom for no more than 10-15 at that motel where she was  
living while I was traveling thru with family.  
It was a brief but grand blessed time.  
As I was to leave she blessed me and gave me 2 booklets she had  
written.  
As a devotional penman I use one of her devotions every Sunday  
over her name.  
To serve Him all our days,  
Ed Bullock (EBB4)

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**Edwin Bullock 4th** - March 02, 2020 at 04:05 PM