



## Hazel Ruth Kirchman

August 10, 1940 - February 23, 2023

There are not enough words to describe the love, influence, and life of the beloved daughter, sister, cousin, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, elementary teacher, and youth leader Hazel Kirchman. She left this earth peacefully at her home on February 22, 2023. She was 82.

She is now singing and laughing in heaven with her beloved and incredible husband of 57 years David, her firecracker grandmother Evie, amazing and ornery father JD, faithful and loving mother Lucille, first grandchild; decorated soldier Toby and many other family members who meant the world to her. She is survived by her beloved sister Joyce, friends for life cousins John and Bea, cherished children Mathew, Mark, and Karen, adored seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Her family and work as a co-youth leader with her husband at the local methodist church was her life for almost 50 years. She dedicated her talents, time, energy, and love towards going above and beyond to make everyone she ever came across know they were loved and treasured.

She developed this worldview of love from her upbringing and faith in Jesus. Even though, from birth through high school, she had extremely limited resources, childhood stories were filled with unlimited love. As a young child she ran quite wild with her beloved cousins, sister, and neighbors. She tagged along with her daddy and sister at Christmas time as he played Santa to neighbors and strangers even though they didn't have two dimes to rub together. Her sister has written books about these and many other wonderful

adventures. Education was especially important to her as she only missed one day of school from kindergarten through graduation. Not surprisingly, she graduated as an honored valedictorian. She met her lifetime love David when she was 14 and he was 16. They married when she was 19 and they shared almost 60 years of love together that rippled across the decades and is rippling still.

David and Hazel began their lives together with limited resources and a passion for sharing the love of Jesus. They quickly became parents to twins and a daughter and then youth group parents to high schoolers at the local Methodist church. Hazel dedicated herself to spaghetti suppers, youth trips, vacation bible school, prayer groups, countless sleepovers, bible studies, meals, and impromptu guests always coming and going were always welcome at her home. She did this with grace, endless generosity, and boundless energy while lovingly raising her children and pushing through with patience and grace the chronic pain that wreaked havoc with her body.

When her children flew the nest and began their own families, she was an ever-present force in all their lives while still loving the youth at church and starting her college career. She became an elementary school teacher late in life and gave to that the same passion she had given everything else and was dearly beloved in return.

When the grandchildren came along, her talents for costumes, cake decorations, dinners, parties, trips, the sharing of a soft lap, and the reading of books was in full and glorious bloom. She never missed an event or birthday and was an ever-present loving help during times of joy or loss.

In the last few years of her life, after her beloved husband left this earth, her body finally was too tired to continue giving her love and help with active "doing". Her love, generosity, kindness, grace, and laughter however continued to grow until her final day. Hers was a life well lived with the giving away of great love and faith. She will continue to be a blessing to us all.

Visitation and Viewing: Stumpff Funeral Home and Crematory 1600 SE

Washington Blvd, Bartlesville, OK Thursday, March 2 12:00-5:00. Open to all those who knew and loved her.

Graveside service: Gracelawn Cemetery 3000 Oak Ln, Van Buren Arkansas Friday March 3rd at 1:00. Open to all those who knew and loved her.

Flowers can be sent to Stumpff Funeral Home

Correspondence can be sent to [kkhfun@gmail.com](mailto:kkhfun@gmail.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 2. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory  
1600 SE Washington Blvd.  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-4300  
info@stumpff.org  
<https://www.stumpff.org>

## Graveside Service

MAR 3. 1:00 PM.

Gracelawn Cemetery  
Van Buren , AR

# Tribute Wall



“ Today I was going through an old East Cross cookbook, and I saw her recipe for Methodist Chicken. I remembered her, and I am sorry to find that she has passed. My own mom passed about eight months after her. My condolences to Matt and Mark, and I hope you are doing well. Eric Gray

Eric Gray - June 23, 2024 at 09:20 PM



“ Hazel Ruth Kirchman

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ Hazel Ruth Kirchman

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ Robert Lollar lit a candle in memory of Hazel Ruth Kirchman



Robert Lollar - March 22, 2023 at 09:56 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Flowers*



**Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory** - March 03, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of *Hazel Ruth Kirchman*.



March 03, 2023 at 08:54 AM



“ *Kay Ruehlen* lit a candle in memory of *Hazel Ruth Kirchman*



**Kay Ruehlen** - March 02, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ *Lisa Kuntz* lit a candle in memory of *Hazel Ruth Kirchman*



**Lisa Kuntz** - March 01, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Hazel Ruth Kirchman.*



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February 28, 2023 at 10:33 PM



“ *Hazel has always modeled for me the natural way of acknowledging Jesus in her life and what He was helping her with today. Grief now for all left behind, but right now she is doing great. She's home with Jesus and with her loved ones who went home before her.*

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**Nancy Arnold** - February 27, 2023 at 08:46 AM



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**Karen Harris** - February 26, 2023 at 08:23 PM



*Everybody that knew Hazel  
Loved this precious lady.  
She loved life.family and Jesus.  
I will miss her so much.*

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**Bes McGraw** - February 27, 2023 at 12:53 PM



*Beautiful video tribute for your mom, Karen! I loved the music you selected!*

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**Don Gregg** - February 27, 2023 at 01:33 PM

JR

*An absolutely beautiful video of my sister, Hazel. So apparent of the love she had for her children, grandchildren and all those she came in contact with her entire life. Her legacy of love will never be forgotten. As I imagine Jesus would say to her, "Well done, my good and faithful servant, well done".*

**Joyce Rapier** - February 27, 2023 at 05:34 PM

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**karen kirchman harris** - February 25, 2023 at 01:32 PM

JR

“ *My beautiful, precious sister. Family and friends were blessed to know the kindness in her heart, how she loved Jesus, her undying love for her children and unselfish attitude. I will miss her so much but I know she is safe from harm and among the people she longed to see. Till we meet again, I love you. Your sister, Joyce.*

**Joyce Brannam Rapier** - February 24, 2023 at 04:05 PM

BM

*I love you so much  
And I will miss you terribly.  
I know you are in a good place.*

**Bes McGraw** - February 25, 2023 at 02:56 PM



*Hazel and David were both so much of my teenage life at East Cross. I loved seeing her Facebook posts, and I'm going to miss her very much.*

**Ann Towers** - February 28, 2023 at 10:36 PM

MM

“ *Mary May lit a candle in memory of Hazel  
Ruth Kirchman*



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**Mary May** - February 24, 2023 at 12:13 PM