



Jewell (Happel) Grogan

March 11, 1933 - May 8, 2022

Jewell (Happel) Grogan was born on March 11, 1933, in a small Missouri farming community called Seaton. She is the oldest daughter of Imal W. and Dorothy (Heflin) Happel. Jewell attended a one-room elementary school in Phelps County and graduated as an honor student from John F. Hodge High School in St. James. Jewell received her Associate Degree in Education from Southwest Baptist University; her B.S. Degree in Education from Southwest Missouri State University; and her Masters's in Classroom Teaching at the University of Missouri.

Jewell was united in marriage to her sweetheart, Leo Clyde Grogan on April 3, 1953, and shared fifty-nine years of memories before his passing on July 28, 2012. Jewell and Leo were blessed with one daughter, Maria, who was great joy in their life. Her family was most important to her and she cherished the time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jewell started her teaching career in a one-room elementary school where she resided for thirteen years. She then taught for nine years at Dry Fork School before her employment with the Salem R-80 School District. Furthering her education, Jewell holds a lifetime certification as an Elementary Principal and later received a Master's Degree in Elementary Counseling. Jewell retired in 1988 after twenty-two years as the Elementary Counselor for Salem. Her dedication and care for the students didn't go unnoticed.

Jewell enjoyed reading and crocheting. She was a lady of great faith and a longtime member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. Since the early 1950s, she has been a Sunday School Teacher, VBS Leader, and choir member. Jewell served on the Stewardship Committee and helped plan the yearly church budget.

Jewell had an interest in community affairs and served as president of Salem Community Teacher's Association, member of Officers of the South Central Guidance Association, president of Dent County Literacy Program, member of the Meramec Regional Planning Committee, Dent County Action Club, Missouri State Teachers Association, Missouri Retired Teacher's Association, Dent County Mental Health Board, secretary of Salem Friends of the Library, past Noble Grand-Salem Rebekah Lodge #358 and served as District Deputy President, and various other organizations.

Jewell departed this life on May 8, 2022, surrounded by her loving family at her home in Salem, Missouri at the age of eighty-nine years. She leaves behind to cherish her memory, loving daughter: Maria Schafer and husband Jimmy of Salem, MO; grandchildren: Courtni Clark of Springfield, MO, Kyle Schafer of Salem, MO, Nathan Burton of Licking, MO, Taala Schafer of Salem, MO, Lexi Jo Burton of Licking, MO, Emily Schafer of Salem, MO, and Ethany Schafer of Salem, MO; great-grandchildren: Daycen and Kaelynn; nephew: Garrick Grogan; extended family and dear friends.

Preceding her in death, loving husband Leo Grogan; parents: Imal and Dorothy Happel; sister: Marie Happel; and father and mother-in-law: Clyde and Abbie Grogan.

Jewell was soft-spoken and kind. She was a classy role model, great inspiration, and excellent mentor. Jewell enriched the lives of many, to know

her was to love her, she will be forever missed.

Funeral Services for Jewell (Happel) Grogan were held Saturday, May 14, 2022 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Travis Curtis and Pastor Mark Johnson officiating. Special Music was provided by Roger Schafer singing "I'm A Winner Either Way", a violin special of "How Great Thou Art" was played by Ally Johnson and Rachel Privett, and additional song selections played were "In The Garden", "Old Rugged Cross", and "Jealous of the Angels". Serving as Pallbearers were Nathan Burton, Nathaniel Medearis, Harold C. Tohlen, Scott Tohlen, Mike Carroll, and Tracy Schafer. Honorary Pallbearers were Jason Steelman, Joel Steelman, Jacob Schafer, Matt Dillon, Johnny Hagler, and Mike Bolerjack. Burial was in the North Lawn Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Online Condolences may be entered at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

North Lawn Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
Post Office Box 45
Salem, MO 65560
(573) 729-5555
<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KW

“ Sorry to hear of Jewell’s passing. I had the privilege of working with her for many years when she was a counselor and I was a Salem R-80 administrator working with programs for special needs children. She was always pleasant and well prepared. A real professional. Our school and the children with whom she worked were fortunate to have her.
Keith Wheeler

Keith Wheeler - May 16, 2022 at 07:34 PM



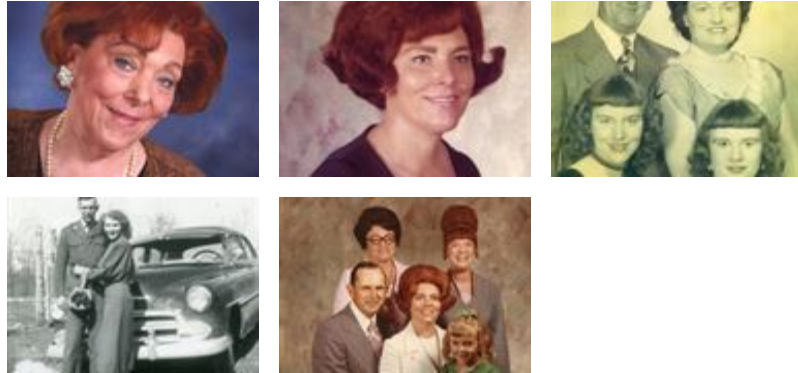
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“ *Jewell was a dear friend to us, my Sunday School teacher for several years, and Ruel's VBS teaching partner for a few summers. We were always welcomed into her home, and she will be truly missed. Ruel & Carol Caraway*

Carol Caraway - May 11, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ *Mrs. Betty Carmack lit a candle in memory of Jewell (Happel) Grogan*



Mrs. Betty Carmack - May 11, 2022 at 12:24 AM

MC

“*Jewel & her sister, Marie, went to the same College in Springfield, Mo.that I attended; it was called Southwest Missouri State back then! They were kind enough to allow me to "hitch" a ride with them when they were driving to Salem to see their family!!! Jewel was a special lady to anyone that knew her. Sending my Sincere Sympathy to All of her family!!!! Love & Prayers, Mrs. Betty(Stephens)Carmack*

Mrs. Betty Carmack - May 11, 2022 at 12:23 AM

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“*Nancy Wickam lit a candle in memory of Jewell (Happel) Grogan*



Nancy Wickam - May 10, 2022 at 06:04 PM

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“*I had Jewel as a Sunday School teacher at Pleasant Valley when I was a kid. She was always very beautiful inside and out. Great lady*

Robin Norton - May 10, 2022 at 03:10 PM

PS

“*Unfortunately she left before we could meet. RIP .*

Patricia Scovil - May 09, 2022 at 02:23 PM

BC

“ So sorry to lose a wonderful friend like Jewel she was my mentor for lots of things we solved many major world problems when setting in the comb out chair at the beauty salon! Loved her like a sister valued her friendship beyond measure Bobby Lou Camden

Bobby Lou Camden - May 09, 2022 at 02:12 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers going out to Maria and all the family. May God be with you in this time of need and comfort you in the days to come.
She was my teacher for first 4 yr at Dry Fork School.



Dennis & Kathy Inman - May 09, 2022 at 12:25 PM