



## Katherine Carolyn Corkran

June 17, 1937 - August 6, 2021

Katherine Corkran, 84 of Holden, Missouri passed away August 6, 2021. Katherine was born June 17, 1937 in Holden, Missouri, the oldest daughter of Carl and Lena (Eissler) Truninger. Katherine spent a significant amount of her childhood with her extended family on their farms outside of Holden. She graduated in 1955 from Holden High School and was Eagle Ball Queen. She attended Central Missouri State College. Katherine was united in marriage to Dale Corkran February 9th, 1956. The couple made their home in Holden; first living on the Corkran farm and then building a home on Truninger farm land, a Century Farm, first homesteaded by the DeAtley Family. Katherine and Dale had two children, Dennis and Kathleen.

Katherine returned to work as the children got older, working for the Holden School District as a cook at the Jr. High for 28 years. This is where she learned and perfected her infamous cherry rolls. During her tenure at school, she never met a kid she didn't love, especially her helpers.

Katherine and Dale enjoyed the farm life with neighbors, friends and family. Katherine was loved and appreciated as a wife, mother, grandma, and great grandma. Katherine was known in the community for her love of Jesus, commitment to caring for family, hostess of Truninger, Corkran, Eissler, and West family dinners, teacher of farm life and history, and Sunday School teacher and active member/director of WMU at First Baptist Church. Katherine's heart's desire was to help lead others to know the good news of Christ's love and salvation.

Katherine was a member of the 4-M's Club which led to lifetime friendships and education that were important to her. She was active as a 4-H leader, member of DRA, Shakespeare Club, Johnson County Historical Society, and Rose Hill cemetery board. Katherine loved being a Grams and her grandchildren will remember her affection, lessons, and unconditional love. Katherine valued being part of her family's life events and always looked for ways to contribute and be involved in helping others.

Katherine was preceded in death by her parents, parent-in-laws, brother John Truninger, and sister Barbara Henry. Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Dale; son, Dennis Corkran (Susan), daughter Kathleen (Rusty) Kephart, grandchildren Christine Corkran, Jacqueline Lois (Ryan) Florence, April Nicole (Mikel) Ruder, Kevin R.C. (Meghan) Kephart; great-grandchildren Kohen James and Kyle DeAtley Florence, and Hart R C Ruder. Sister Donna (Jim) Morris, and brother Bill (Susie) Turninger, brother-in-law Jerry Corkran, sister-in-law Kay Turninger and Linda Smithson, and Aunt Katherine to many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Campbell-Cast Funeral Home on Sunday, August 8th. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 9th at First Baptist Church in Holden. Interment at the Holden Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Holden Cemetery Association or Ascend Hospice, in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Holden Cemetery

West 10th Street  
Holden, MO 64040

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 8.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home Inc. DBA:Campbell-Cast Funeral Home  
407 South Pine Street  
Holden, MO 64040  
(816) 732-5531  
stewartfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://castfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 9.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Holden First Baptist Church  
601 S Market St  
Holden, MO 64040

# Tribute Wall

PC

“ Does the Corkran farm still in the family where is it in Holden? Would love to drive by it. Peggy Corkran [peggylee\\_c@yahoo.com](mailto:peggylee_c@yahoo.com)

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**peggy corkran** - January 19, 2025 at 07:30 AM

DJ

“ Condolences to the Corkran family. I worked with Dennis at the Jackson County Courthouse from 1999 to when he separated from the Public Works Department. If he (or someone who knows how to reach him) sees this, I have discovered that I, too, am a deAtley descendant...making us distant cousins. I would love to chat! [david dot jackson at orderlypackrat dot com](mailto:david_dot_jackson_at_orderlypackrat_dot_com)

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**David W Jackson** - May 31, 2024 at 10:00 PM

DS

“ We were neighbors on adjoining farms for many years. Dennis, Kathleen, my sister Becky and I had many wonderful times riding our bikes on the dirt roads and exploring the farms. I remember Katherine always had beautiful flower and vegetable gardens. She was a fantastic cook as well. So many wonderful memories. My deepest condolences to Dale, Dennis, Kathleen and families

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**Debi Stumpff** - August 11, 2021 at 03:56 PM

MI

“ Katherine was a very special lady! She loved the Lord and sharing our family history. She always went out of her way to make us feel welcome at the family reunion. It has been a distinct privilege to have known her!  
*Marilyn Eissler Inman*

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**Marilyn Inman** - August 09, 2021 at 09:34 PM

LH

“ Katherine and I attended Scaley Bark Rural school together. I was in second grade and she in first. My husband was best man at their wedding and when Dennis was born Dale came by our trailer early in the morning to share the GOOD NEWS! Katherine and I talked frequently to discuss the world our children will step into. I will miss that connection to my roots. I know Dale's heart is broken, but with God's help he will make it through this loss. Dale loved Katherine and they both loved his red angus. She cared deeply about being a "Farmers wife". Katherine loved her garden, flowers. friends, neighbors and family but her love of her Lord was very much a part of who she was. Family, know how blessed you were to have such a wonderful Mother.  
Lea Ann Hough

Lea Ann Hough - August 08, 2021 at 08:20 PM

MK

“ Thinking of you and praying you'll find strength in the knowledge that your loved one is resting in God's care. May your fond memories of Katherine bring you comfort and peace. Marilyn Jo Kammeyer



Marilyn Jo Kammeyer - August 08, 2021 at 02:19 PM

KH

“ I will always associate VBS, perfect gardens, & delicious food with Katherine. She was a special truly Christian lady....she will be missed. My thoughts & prayers are with Dale, Kathleen, & Dennis & families. -Kim

Kimberly Holger - August 08, 2021 at 12:53 PM

JC

“ What a great loss. Katherine was a wonderful lady .... she inspired many people!  
Judy Cunningham

Judy Cunningham - August 08, 2021 at 11:35 AM

MK

“ Thinking of you and praying that you will find strength in the knowledge that your loved one is resting in God's care, May your wonderful memories of Katherine bring you comfort and peace.



Marilyn Jo Kammeyer - August 08, 2021 at 12:02 AM



“ I remember years ago Katherine was a very patient 4H teacher of sewing, I am sure it was challenging , sometimes frustrating but she was very intent to spreading the joy of sewing to us. My mom and Katherine celebrated several birthdays over the years together as old high school classmates/besties. Sorry for your loss.

Dianna Milburn - August 07, 2021 at 02:06 PM

KC

“ I don't remember a time when your mom wasn't in my family's life. She was truly a loving and caring person. She was a beloved friend to my mom and my family. This might seem a little small, but I always looked forward to her Christmas cards. She would write a personal note to me, and include the family activities for the past year. This made me smile. She was a good Christian woman, and she was definitely one of a kind! She will be missed. Karen

Karen Cochran - August 07, 2021 at 11:45 AM

MH

“ Dale and family, I was so sad to hear about Katherine. She was such a neat lady. I remember when she watched my Christi as a toddler and Christi called her "Grandma Corkran". Please accept my condolences. Katherine will be sorely missed. Marsha Hedglin



Marsha Hedglin - August 06, 2021 at 11:35 PM

DH

“ I am sorry to hear this. The last time I saw her was at my graduation in 2006 at Midwrstern Seminary. I appreciated her coming to the event and spending time with us.

Dr Leland Holland - August 06, 2021 at 11:34 PM