



## DeLores Jane Erwin

July 29, 1941 - November 24, 2013

DeLores Jane (Roach) Erwin, 72, Uniontown, passed away Sunday, November 24, 2013, at Aldersgate Village in Topeka. DeLores was born in Texhoma, Oklahoma on July 29, 1941, the daughter of Charles and Ellen (Stevens) Roach. She attended Texhoma Public Schools. She received a degree in education from Panhandle State College in Goodwell, Oklahoma. Later DeLores received a Master's degree in special education from Pittsburg State University. DeLores married Dean Erwin on May 25, 1968, in Kansas City. They enjoyed 45 years of marriage and many activities together. He survives. As a young woman DeLores auditioned for and was accepted into the Metropolitan Opera Company. DeLores began her 43 year career in education as a music teacher and loved putting on performances. Along the way she enjoyed singing, acting and being involved in the community theater. Later in her career, her passion shifted from music to special education. DeLores positively touched and impacted the lives of countless numbers of people. Survivors include her husband, Dean Erwin, Uniontown; children; David and Tami Erwin, Salem, Nebraska, Stephanie and Jason Smith, Topeka; grandchildren, Mitch, Amanda, Dallas and Katharine. She is also survived by her brother, Don and LaQuita Roach, sister-in-law, Ginger Roach, many nieces and nephews and countless friends. DeLores' memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday at Community Christian Church in Fort Scott. Burial will take place at 2 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2013 at Texhoma Cemetery in Texhoma, Texas. Memorial contributions are suggested

to Aldersgate Village or Uniontown School District Music Department, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

# Tribute Wall



“ *DeLores Jane Erwin*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *To all of Dee's family, although years have gone by, memories are fresh of a wonderful lady who touched so many lives. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.  
My Love,  
Beth Graham*

**Beth Graham** - November 29, 2013 at 10:06 AM



“ *To the Erwin Family, So Sorry for your Loss Dee was a Nice lady. That is a good picture of her. I always Love to see her smile when I would Deliver UPS Pkg to you guys Dean. I know she will be Missed. [Rev 21:3-4] Vincent Berry [retire UPS Driver] Again Sorry for Your family Loss.*

**Vincent Berry** - November 28, 2013 at 09:52 PM



“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Love, Seth and Christal Martin*

**Seth and Christal Martin** - November 26, 2013 at 09:17 PM

SF

“ *Geography and life have a way of limiting the amount of time spent together in large, spread out families. I wish it were easier. I do have many fond memories of time spent on the farm with Dee and family. Dee was very special to our mom, Hope, and to the entire Roach clan. Dee will be missed by all. You will all be in our prayers.*  
*Love, Sheldon*

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**Sheldon Strasner Family** - November 26, 2013 at 12:18 PM

LH

“ *Dean, Steph, Buba,*  
*We will always remember the good times our families have shared with each other. Dee was a best friend to many people, including us. In November of 1968, on a pheasant hunting trip to Western Kansas. Dee and Pam, bonded over the sink cleaning birds. (We had never met each other until that time.) We were both newly wedded brides and didn't know any better. Together we learned and neither of us ever cleaned a game bird again! We love you all and so sorry! Pam*

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**Larry and Pam Ham** - November 26, 2013 at 09:21 AM

BW

“ *Stephanie, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I know it hurts. Sending love and friendship to you and your family.*  
*Love, Beth*

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**Beth White** - November 25, 2013 at 11:25 PM

JT

“ Dear Family,  
I hurt for your family at this time of loss. I know Dee loved her family and was so proud of each of you and was a great Christian example to each of us.  
Dee knew no strangers and could strike up a conversation with anyone and share her love with that person, so much like Christ would do.  
We would laugh together and I will remember the last time I was able to sing with her while she played the piano and she never missed a note. Now she is in Heaven just grinning from ear to ear and singing her heart out!  
This photo shows her youth and vitality and her love through those beautiful eyes!  
Love to all,  
Jan Tate

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**Jan Tate** - November 25, 2013 at 04:54 PM

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“ WE ARE THINKING OF THE MANY MEMORIES AND GATHERING AND SONGS SHARED. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL.  
LOVE STEVE AND CHRISTI CHARLY AND FORREST

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**STEVE & CHRISTI ROACH** - November 25, 2013 at 04:10 PM