

Obituaries



Betty Jeane Anderson, age 100, 10 months and 3 days, passed away on Friday, August 7, 2026, at

Stanton County Long Term Care Unit, Johnson, Kansas. She was born October 4, 1925, near

Haviland, in rural Kiowa County, Kansas, the daughter of Ralph Ginter and Mabel Dorothy (Hague)

Long.

She along with her parents and sister Katherine, moved to rural Stanton County in 1930, in the

middle of a blizzard. She attended Big Bow Grade School and graduated from Johnson High School in

the Class of 1943, she was the last surviving member of that class. On April 8, 1944, Betty married

the love of her life, A.C. Anderson, in the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Big Bow, Kansas. They shared 73 wonderful years of marriage before A. C.'s passing in 2017. A true farm wife in every sense, Betty

was the heart of the operation. She served as the

bookkeeper for the family farm, drove

trucks during harvest, tractors and helped with the irrigation. She lovingly prepared countless meals

for those working long days in the fields. She was never afraid of hard work. She also earned her Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and proudly drove a school bus for the Big Bow School District.

Betty was an active 4-H leader, served on the Extension Council Board, and, alongside Vila Ruth,

helped establish the Big Bow 4-H program, creating opportunities that benefited the youth for years

to come. She was also a devoted member of the Johnson Order of the Eastern Star, where she

served in 1965 as Worthy Matron. When the demands of farm life slowed, Betty and A.C. embraced a

new adventure together. They discovered a love for traveling in their RV, and for nearly ten years it

became their only home as they explored the country. Together they visited every state except

Alaska, enjoying the beauty and diversity of America and Canada.

She is survived by her daughters, Vicky Ellis and husband Doc of Richfield, Kansas and Gayla Gaines

and husband Bill of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Lenoard Willson and Julia

Traster-Rowe of Ulysses,

Kansas, the son she never had, yet treasured as family in every way that mattered. Three grandchildren, Darrel (Kyra) Ellis of Meade, Kansas, Annette Ellis, Richfield, Kansas, and Trevor (Pam) Gum, of Pittsburg, Kansas; eight great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren; brothers, Claude Long of Bartlesville, Oklahoma and Keith Long and wife Kathy of Sugar Hill, Georgia and many nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Mabel Long; husband, A.C. (2017); daughter,

Marsha Anderson (2004); sisters, Katherine Julian and Darlene Cate.

Memorial Service will be Saturday, August 15, 2026, at 10:00 AM at Garnand Funeral Home Chapel,

Johnson, Kansas, with Jonathan Emerson officiating. A private family inurnment will be held at

Stanton County Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Stanton County Scholarship Fund or Donor's

Choice in care of Garnand Funeral Home, PO Box 715, Johnson, KS 67855. Condolences may be posted at www.garnandfuneralhomes.com.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STANTON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of)

Trudy Anne Koehn, Deceased)

Case No. ST-2026-PR-000008

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Donna Christiansen, personal representative named in the Last Will and Testament of Trudy Anne Koehn, Deceased, requesting that the foreign Will of Trudy Anne Koehn, deceased, dated July 7, 2010, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the Estate is necessary; the Will be construed, and the following Kansas real estate owned by the Decedent, situated in Stanton County, Kansas:

Lots One (1) and Two (2) and the East Half of the East Half (E/2 E/2) of Section Seventeen (17), Township Twenty-Eight (28) South, Range Forty-Three (43) West of the 6th P.M., Stanton County, Kansas,

be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before August 24, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the District Court, Johnson, Stanton County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Donna Christiansen
Petitioner

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