



Kathleen Freeman

February 23, 1929 - March 15, 2018

Kathleen Freeman, 89, Bartlesville, went to be with her Lord on Thursday, March 15, 2018. She passed away peacefully in her home. Kathleen Jo Eichhorn was born to parents, Fred and Mildred (Stewart) Eichhorn, at their home outside Oswego, Kansas, on February 23, 1929. She married Jerry Freeman on June 22nd, 1952, in Parsons, Kansas, and they enjoyed 66 years of marriage. The couple raised one daughter, Debra Freeman, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Freeman was a graduate of Pittsburg State University, taught briefly in Oswego, Kansas, and Parson, Kansas, and then 28 years in Bartlesville where she was named Oak Park Teacher of the Year in 1987-88 and was inducted into the Bartlesville Public School Foundation Hall of Fame in 2016. She retired from teaching in 1990 but stayed in contact with many of her students throughout their lives. She was a gifted teacher who loved "her" kids and they loved her back. She instilled a lifelong love of learning and, especially, reading and was an avid reader herself. She was an artist who created and collected beautiful works of art.

Mrs. Freeman was an active long standing member in several organizations, including the Daughters of the American Revolution; Alpha Delta Kappa, a teachers sorority; Tuesday Club; and the United Methodist Women. She and her husband have been members of the Bartlesville First Church for over 61 years.

Kathleen Freeman is survived by her husband, Jerry, her daughter, Deb, and

a grandson, Colin of Broken Arrow, several cousins, one brother-in-law, one sister-in-law and a total of 11 nieces and nephews who considered her the heart of the family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Darlene Eichhorn Palmer and Janice Eichhorn Read James, a brother, Boyd Eichhorn, and one nephew, B.E. Eichhorn.

There will be a memorial service Wednesday, March 21st, at 2:00 p.m. at Bartlesville First Church. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for donations to the First Church of Bartlesville in her name.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs Freeman was the best teacher I ever had! She was so kind and tried to make reading and writing fun! I remember watching her grade my papers and if I got a star..I kissed her cheek! I never forgot her! ❤️

Amie Scheer - July 22, 2025 at 12:12 AM



“ Mrs. Freeman was my first grade teacher at Oak Park Elementary in the early 1970s. She was such a gracious lady. She taught me to read and to ENJOY reading. I still have a book in my hand all of the time! She spoke life into me and said that I would be a writer someday...and I thoroughly enjoy writing. She made learning fun and interesting. I always thought so very highly of her. She was and still is my favorite teacher, because she cared. Thank you, family members, for sharing her with me. Rest in peace, Mrs. Freeman.

Angela Henderson - April 30, 2020 at 05:01 PM

DH

“ Posted by Bryan Read from Bristol, Virginia
My sweet Aunt Kathleen was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was always encouraging and very generous towards her nieces and nephews. I wish I could be there for the celebration of her life. Please know that we are praying for you as you grieve. We grieve with you, but with the certainty that we will have a great reunion in heaven with all the Eichhorn clan.
03/19/2018 at 11:22pm

Posted by Georgia Hedrick from Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Kathleen inspired many of us with her courageous attitude and her always ready and friendly smile. She will be truly missed. God Bless.
03/20/2018 at 04:21am

Posted by Beverly Williamson from Bartlesville, Oklahoma
Mrs. Freeman taught 1st grade to both of our sons, Barry and Kelly Williamson. They have fond memories of her. When informed of her death, they each said that she was such a nice person and a gifted teacher. She was very special.
03/21/2018 at 06:15pm

Davis Family Funeral Home - November 30, 2018 at 02:24 PM

AS

Mrs Freeman was my first grade teacher! She was so good to me. Everytime she would put a star on my paper.. I kissed her Cheek! She was awesome! ❤️😭

amie scheer - November 07, 2022 at 07:55 PM

DR

I had Mrs. Freeman for First Grade at Garfield Elementary in Parsons, KS. It was the 1976-1977 school year. I have never forgotten her. I remember she had a paddle with a smile face one side and a sad face on the other. If she flipped the paddle to sad face, trouble was coming! What i remember most is the thrill of getting the star stickers and on Friday, she would let us have a piece of candy before school let out for the weekend. She was a very dear lady that made a lasting impression on me.

*Derek Reese
Rockwall, TX*

Derek Reese - January 05, 2023 at 06:05 PM

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