

KITCHEN8

*Alumnae Association for Watkins and Miller Scholarship Halls
& our Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Recipients*



2024 - 2025 REPORT

2025 ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVENTS

KITCHEN 8



MISSION STATEMENT

Kitchen 8 is an alumni organization comprised of residents, past and present, of these halls, our scholarship recipients, and other supporters of Mrs. Watkins's tradition. As the official keepers of her legacy, we endeavor to provide a community of support for previous, current, and future residents through mentorship, charitable contributions through the Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, staying informed of the condition of Watkins and Miller Scholarship Halls, and striving to follow her example of compassion and selflessness.

JOIN US

Give back, with gratitude for Mrs. Watkins's gift to you. We are an all-volunteer group and there are no fees to join or belong. Whether you live near or far from KU, there are ways you can help with our work of supporting the residents of Watkins and Miller Halls and providing scholarships to financially needy young women at KU.



JOIN US FOR OUR 2025 ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

Arterra

2161 Quail Creek Drive

Lawrence, KS 66047

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 25

3:00-5:00 pm K8 Board Annual Meeting at Lawrence Public Library

Saturday, April 26

9:00 am Doors Open

9:30 am Annual Meeting and Program

11:00 am Brunch

12:00 pm Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Awards Presentation

2:00 pm End of Program

Cost: \$35 per person

Please consider donating the cost of a meal for an EMWMS recipient or Hall resident, who are our guests at this event.

We hope you can join us at Arterra!

Please register by April 4, 2025.
Register online at www.kitchen8.org

Sunday, April 27

3:00 pm Alumni Teas at Watkins and Miller Halls

President's Pantry

Hello Kitchen 8 members!

My name is Sarah Greenup and I wanted to introduce myself as the new President of Kitchen 8. I am a Watkins Hall alumni, living in the hall from 2008 to 2011. During my time in the hall I was one of the Alumni Chairs and we celebrated Elizabeth Miller Watkins 150th Birthday my senior year. Helping plan the events for Elizabeth's birthday celebration solidified my desire to be an active member of Kitchen 8, but I had no idea then that I would become the President of the organization. I have served on the Kitchen 8 executive board for four years, first as one of the Mentoring Co-coordinators, then as Vice President, and now as President. Last April, outgoing President Paula (Hopkins) Wrigley said that I have "never ending enthusiasm" for all things Kitchen 8 and preserving Lizzie's legacy. I'm not sure if my enthusiasm is completely boundless, but it is one of the greatest compliments I have ever received. I'm so excited to help continue the legacy of helping those who must travel uphill.

In the spirit of expanding Lizzie's legacy, Kitchen 8 has continued to build relationships with current residents of the halls. Each year, we host a welcome dinner with residents, finals study breaks, and a birthday party for Elizabeth in January. I'm looking forward to gathering with all of the residents and alumni at our Annual Meeting on April 26th and the Alumni Teas on April 27th. I'm also excited to see the achievements and plans of our impressive scholarship recipients at our scholarship awards ceremony. This year we will award more than \$80,000 to the recipients of the Elizabeth Miller Watkins Scholarship.

This first year has been all about learning and growing in an organization that I love. We are a group of alumni dedicated to helping those who come after us. Kitchen 8 has been supporting the residents of Watkins and Miller for decades and I'm so excited to see where this organization goes in the future.



With all of the Lilac Lane Love,
Sarah Greenup
Watkins 2008-2011
Kitchen 8 President

Annual Meeting Summary

April 2024

Annual Meeting Celebrates Our Shared History

By: Ali (Bannwarth) Zayas, K8 Secretary

Alumni, hall residents, and scholarship recipients gathered for the Annual Meeting on April 27, 2024. It was a celebration of comradery, scholarship, and the legacy of Elizabeth Miller Watkins—the tie that binds us together. Kitchen 8 President Paula (Hopkins) Wrigley commenced the meeting by greeting all attendees and providing a summary of all the events organized by Kitchen 8 this past year.

After the welcome and introductions, Paula presided over the business portion of the meeting. She provided a report on Kitchen 8's financials, including details on the Kitchen 8 Sugar Bowl, scholarship fund, donations, and expenditures. Paula thanked all donors for their continued support of Kitchen 8's activities. The Kitchen 8 membership also reviewed and approved the 2023 Kitchen 8 Annual Meeting Minutes.

Kitchen 8 Member Abby Olcese then presided over the election of officers, as current Vice-President Sarah Greenup was on the Slate of Officers and therefore disqualified from running the elections. The K8 membership approved by acclamation the Slate of Officers as presented.

After the election, the presidents of both Watkins and Miller Scholarship Halls provided summaries of the halls' recent activities. Watkins President Liz Collins noted that Watkins had 17 returning residents and 20 new residents this academic year. The hall is expected to be at full capacity next year, including 25 returning residents. Liz provided an update on the state of the Watkins Hall TV room and the cracks in its foundation. Housing informed the hall that funds have been set aside to make the necessary repairs during the summer break. Liz also announced a new policy for all of the scholarship halls that resulted in the removal of printers within the halls, requiring residents to use the printers at the Crawford Community Center. However, the residents have now adjusted to this new policy.

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Miller President Ashley Wagner was delighted to announce that Miller has adopted the informal mascot of the bat. A few bats have been trapped in the halls, but Housing has been able to quickly catch and release the bats. Ashley also announced that Housing adopted a new policy this year allowing the scholarship halls to remain open during the winter break. Residents were allowed to stay at the halls and use the general kitchen during this time, which was a welcome change for students unable to travel elsewhere during the break.

After the conclusion of the business portion of the Annual Meeting, attendees were delighted by a special presentation on the “Sisterhood of the Traveling...Dress!” Special guests Norma (Decker) Hoagland and Elena Wahbeh recounted the fascinating story of how Elizabeth Miller Watkins’s dress came to be on display at the Watkins Museum of History. Norma and Elena described how, during her lifetime, Elizabeth was very generous with Watkins and Miller residents. Elizabeth learned that one resident, Laura (Holste) McGuire, a freshman living in Miller Scholarship Hall in 1937, did not have a proper dress to wear to an upcoming dance. Elizabeth took a dress from her own closet and gave it to Laura, and with Elizabeth’s permission, Laura altered and wore the dress to the dance. Laura kept the prized dress, with a note stating that the Belgium lace dress came from a wealthy benefactress. Years later, Elena met Laura’s daughter-in-law and learned about the existence of the dress. After many years and the many travels of the dress from Lawrence to Boston, New York, and Albuquerque, the dress finally made its way back to Lawrence for safekeeping at the Watkins Museum of History. It was confirmed that the lace of the dress is the same lace as the dress worn by Elizabeth in a well-known portrait of her. Attendees were invited to view Elizabeth’s dress featured at the museum’s new exhibit “Philanthropy in Fashion” on display from April 27-June 15, 2024.

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Kitchen 8 President-Elect Sarah Greenup then introduced the program's featured speaker—Dr. Diana Carlin, professor emerita of communication at Saint Louis University, retired professor of Communication Studies at the University of Kansas, and founding member of the First Ladies Association for Research. Dr. Carlin provided an engaging presentation focused on unknown facts about the First Ladies, with a fun quiz for participants. Since her retirement, Dr. Carlin has focused her research on the First Ladies to tell the stories that haven't, but must, be told, and has authored numerous literary works on the subject.

The Annual Meeting concluded with brunch and a presentation of the 2024-2025 Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship (EMWMS) recipients. EMWMS Advisory Committee Chair Norma (Decker) Hoagland introduced each scholarship recipient and those recipients present at the meeting shared a few words of gratitude.

The Kitchen 8 Board also held its annual board meeting on April 26, 2024, at the Watkins Museum of History in Lawrence. The Board looks forward to connecting with alumni, hall residents, and scholarship recipients throughout the coming year. Visit the Kitchen 8 website and Facebook group for more details on upcoming events!

Residents of Watkins Hall



Left to Right:

First row: Kyer Fox, Seal Beach, CA; Peyton Aucoin, Shawnee, KS; Mariana Leandro, Costa Rica; Crystal Casas, Garden City, KS; Daniela Morales, Wauconda, IL; Adrianna Brady, Edwardsville, KS; Liz Collins, Abilene, KS; Kimberly Tolle, Hesston, KS; Sahira Castro-Jimenez: Ottawa, KS; Sydney Scheerer: St George, KS

Second row: Lena Harte, Overland Park, KS; Sarah Gabriel, Kansas City, MO; Abigail Schnee, Holton, KS; Katie Ott, Lebo, KS; Samantha Monthey, Overland Park, KS; Kathlyn Wagner, Olathe, KS

Third row: Lexi Speed, Merriam, KS; Ana Pineda, Tegucigalpa, Honduras; Husna Najib Takhar, Afghanistan; Chloe Booker, Excelsior Springs, MO; Grace Bannister, Manhattan, KS; Na Kyla Berger, Kansas City, KS; Emma Jones, Platte City, MO; Hanna Meeks, Colorado Springs, CO; Julia Hintz, Emporia, KS

Residents of Miller Hall



Left to Right:

First Row: Sophia Ganoza, Fort Worth, TX; Claire Milroy, Overland Park, KS; Lainey Trollinger, Lee's Summit, MO; Sofa Rakhimova, Tashkent, Uzbekistan; Maddie Ferris, Wichita, KS; Mo Roecker, Lawrence, KS; Angelina Rai, Kansas City, MO; Iris Miculek, Austin, TX

Second Row: Lola Valdovino, Kansas City, MO; Lydia Jensen, Wichita, KS; Merrin Dillavou, Overland Park, KS; Segan Bettenhausen, Prairie Village, KS; Kellen Cole, Spring Hill, KS; Helen Viloria, Lawrence, KS; Josee Hoshaw, Wichita, KS; Rebecca Rice, Shawnee, KS; Kylie Acheson, Dallas, TX; Zoe Savage, Austin, TX

Third Row: Carley Miller, Shawnee, KS; Olivia Oborny, Spring Hill, KS; Sian Helfrich, Pratt, KS; Ari Stalcup, Topeka, KS; Mary Perkins, Overland Park, KS; Adira Mongar, Kansas City, MO

Events and Happenings

K8 Events with Watkins and Miller Halls

In October, local Kitchen 8 members welcomed Watkins and Miller Hall residents back to campus with an outdoor ice cream social. We introduced ourselves and explained how Kitchen 8 supports the residents. Residents were urged to apply for the EMW Memorial Scholarship. Then the students gathered in front of each hall for a hall photograph.





In January, we gathered at Miller Hall to celebrate the birthday of Elizabeth Miller Watkins. In fact, Mrs. Watkins joined us (portrayed by Norma Hoagland) and told us some stories from her interesting life. Each hall received a gift card to Target for the purchase of needed items for the hall. They also received a hall photo that had been from the October photo shoot. As always, we enjoyed being together and recognizing our benefactor on the 164th anniversary of her birth. The 2023-24 KU school year brought with it the return of some favorite events of the Kitchen 8 calendar.



Feature of Elizabeth Miller Watkins Dress in the KU Alumni Magazine

Issue 2, 2024

ROCK CHALK **REVIEW**

CAMPUS HISTORY

Party dress

*Rare Watkins artifact begins
yet another charming chapter*

ELIZABETH MILLER WATKINS, the grande dame of philanthropy at KU, left to the University and Lawrence immense wealth, two hospitals, two scholarship halls, the Outlook, a beautiful bank building now home to the Watkins Museum of History, and, even more invaluable, fundamental ideals that helped point our path forward: affordable student housing, imperative access to education and health care, private giving for the good of all.

What she did *not* leave for us, however, were the everyday items of her life, the trinkets, treasures, baubles and books that she held, wore, read. A niece emptied the Outlook after Mrs. Watkins' 1939 death, clearing it of jewelry, furniture, paintings, dishes. Even the downtown history museum named in honor of Elizabeth and her husband, J.B., had in its collection only a single scrapbook and a few Watkins Land & Trust checks bearing her signature.

"Other than that," says museum director Steve Nowak, "we had nothing personal of hers."

Enter the serendipitous dress—more precisely, halter top and long skirt—made of a lace unknown in modern fashions. "This is in a class all by itself,"

marvels Watkins biographer Norma Decker Hoagland, c'75. "I would say you'd have to buy something by Chanel or Balenciaga or one of the Paris fashion houses to find lace of that quality. Queen Elizabeth probably had some lace dresses of that quality. Just exquisite." Mrs. Watkins apparently had the same opinion, and treasured the dress so greatly that she chose to wear it while sitting for the portrait given to the hospital she built on campus.

The story—as researched by Hoagland—begins with the arrival on campus of Laura Holste, who in fall 1937 took out a small loan, left her family's Ludell home, in Rawlins County, and moved into the new Miller Hall. One of 11 children, Holste had contracted polio as an infant, lost her father to the Spanish flu, and had roomed with her uncle and disabled aunt to attend school in Atwood.

Miller Hall's housemother, during one of her daily conversations with her friend and employer, mentioned to Mrs. Watkins that a freshman from western Kansas had been invited to a campus dance but did not own a party dress. Mrs. Watkins promptly retrieved from her closet one of her favorites, with a blessing for Laura to alter it to suit her own tastes and small frame.

Laura Holste McGuire, c'41, graduated Phi Beta Kappa, married her campus sweetheart, packed the treasured dress she'd worn to four years of formal events, and raised two sons and two daughters in New Mexico.

Feature of Elizabeth Miller Watkin's Dress in the KU Alumni Magazine

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Decades down the road, a dizzyingly intricate yet storybook-style string of events—which began when physical therapist and Watkins Hall alumna Elena Wahbeh, c'73, g'82, reconnected at a KU Medical Center event with staff physical therapist

Judy McGuire, whose mother-in-law, Jean McGuire Merritt, had inherited the dress from *her* mother—concluded with the dress in February arriving back in Lawrence, at the museum named for its original owner.

“We forget that Mrs. Watkins was driven by a real concern for helping students, and that she didn’t just do it in an institutional way. She did it in a very personal way, and here’s a physical example,” Nowak says. “It was 1937, resources were slim, a girl got invited to a dance and didn’t have a dress to wear, and Mrs. Watkins says, ‘Here, she can have this.’ And it wasn’t just some old thing in her closet. It was special to her.”

Because of its delicate fabric, the dress will remain on display in the Watkins Museum only through June 30. Visit the remarkable artifact if you can.

“It was part of the mysterious life my mother lived before I was around,” Jean McGuire Merritt recalled in an April email to Hoagland and Wahbeh, Watkins Hall roommates. “The mother I knew didn’t dance. The mother I knew didn’t have amazingly beautiful Belgian lace dresses. But it was clearly important to her, so therefore important to me.”

“I could never have imagined a better ending for this story than the one you have so carefully and beautifully created.”

—CHRIS LAZZARINO

EMW Memorial Scholarship Advisory Committee Report

By Norma Hoagland, Advisory Committee Chair

The Kitchen 8 Advisory Committee of the EMW Memorial Scholarship held its annual meeting on February 18, 2025, at Greater Kansas City Community Foundation and by Zoom. We reviewed the investment strategy for our Fund and suggested no changes. Last year we altered the investment mix to keep it conservative, as our goal is for the Fund to continue its work for many years ahead!

For a Fund that began February 26, 1998, with a few thousand dollars, we closed out 2024 with approximately \$1.7 million. 2024 was a good year for our Fund, as we made approximately \$100,000 in profit, even with our scholarships and administrative costs paid. We plan to award approximately \$85,000 in scholarships this coming year, which will cover the academic year 2025-26. Our giving amount generally follows the recommended 5% of the 3-year average income of the Fund.

We work to advertise around KU's campus about our scholarship, so that it is posted in every scholarship hall, dorm, and in the office of each school. Through the Kansas State Board of Education, we alert all high school counselors across the State. This year we also added information about the scholarship to our K8 website, with a QR code to access the application. New applications are due February 15 of each year, renewals by the end of January.

If you are not familiar with our Advisory Committee, it consists of Norma Hoagland, Chair; Nancy Rehkamp, Scholarship Selection Chair; Elizabeth Boman, Lizzie's Legacies Coordinator; K8 President Sarah Greenup; K8 Secretary Ali Zayas; and K8 Treasurer Kristy Teska.

If you have any questions, feel free to email the Advisory Committee Chair, Norma Hoagland at norma.hoagland@yahoo.com.

Watkins and Miller Halls' Trust and Rent Rates Update

Upon her death in 1939, Elizabeth Miller Watkins left \$250,000.00 in her will to be placed in a trust for Watkins and Miller Halls for “repair, maintenance and upkeep.” The original bank holding that trust is gone. With mergers and acquisitions, the current bank holding the trust is Bank of America.

In 2023, the Trust had approximately \$3.9 million. As of August 2024, it had approximately \$4.1 million. Management fees for 2023 were about \$37,000. Thanks to many Kitchen 8 members who helped us become aware of this Trust and worked toward transparency, the residents of both Halls are given documents each fall as to the status of the Trust. They have a meeting with the Director of Student Housing, Sarah Waters. In fiscal year 2024, the Trust gave \$158,634.75 into the budgets of the Halls, making them less expensive places to live at KU, in accordance with Elizabeth’s wishes.

For academic year 2024-2025, Miller had 45 residents and Watkins had 40. Rent rates for 2025-26 will be \$3,236, the least expensive housing option at KU. Battenfeld, Douthart, G. Pearson, Pearson, Sellards and Stephenson cost \$4,880. The suite-style scholarship halls (KK Amini, M Amini, Krehbiel and Rieger) cost \$5,398. All scholarship halls except Watkins and Miller are required to purchase a meal plan, an additional \$2,730. We don’t have a good estimate as to what our W&M residents spend a year on food through their 7 kitchens.

Making our residents aware of the Trust is one of the goals of Kitchen 8. Let’s all stay aware of this Trust – it helped all of us spend less while we were at KU. Elizabeth keeps on giving.

Norma Decker Hoagland
Watkins Hall, 1969-71
EMW Biographer



Treasurer's Report

By Kristy Treska, K8 Treasurer

Thank you for your interest in the finances of Kitchen 8. Every dollar you donate to Kitchen 8 is used for the residents and to help our members stay informed and in touch. There are two options to financially support our all-volunteer organization. BOTH OF THESE OPTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

KITCHEN 8 SUGAR BOWL

Give to Kitchen 8, the umbrella group founded in 1997 to support the residents who live in Watkins and Miller. This tax-deductible gift goes to projects such as:

- Presenting each hall with a large photo print of all the residents
- Supplying New Woman Booklets to all new residents
- Celebrating Elizabeth's birthday with treats and gifts for the halls
- Gifting 4-year graduates with a copy of the Watkins & Miller Halls book
- Inviting residents to be our guests at the Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards event

Donations can be made by credit card via our secure website at www.kitchen8.org or by mail to:

Kitchen 8
C/o Watkins Museum of History
1047 Massachusetts Street
Lawrence, KS 66044



Treasurer's Report

ELIZABETH MILLER WATKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

If you wish to give to our Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund, send your donations to Greater Kansas City Community Foundation.

Please specify WATK01 on your check and mail to:

Greater Kansas City Community Foundation

1055 Broadway Blvd., Suite 130

Kansas City, MO 64105

Another option is to go to the donations tab on our website at www.kitchen8.org and note your online donation is for the “Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund.”

GIVING TO KITCHEN 8

Leaving your own legacy

Elizabeth taught us the far-reaching effects of intelligent giving and we strive to follow that example. Reading our magazine demonstrates the importance of continuing her legacy.

Many of us have planned ahead and named this fund in our wills. Let your family know Kitchen 8 and Watkins and Miller are your priority. Both the K8 fund and our Scholarship Fund are under the direct control of our alumni group. Your donation does not go to KU Endowment. Given Elizabeth’s intent and the history of the W&M Trust under the control of KU Endowment, we think that is important for you to know.

Treasurer's Report

The following is a short review of 2024 income and expenses for K8 funds.

Kitchen 8

Donations	\$ 1,950.00
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,800.00
Product sales	\$ 265.00
Interest	\$ 529.22
Total Income	\$ 4,544.22

Affiliate Fees

Annual Meeting Expenses	\$ 200.00
Bank Fees	\$ 3,507.42
Website Management	\$ 68.05
Hall Events, Photo, Senior Gift Books	\$ 144.85
Total Expenses	\$ 1,401.57

Net Loss	\$ -777.67
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December 31, 2024 ending bank balance	\$25,189.16
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**All K8 financial records are maintained in QuickBooks.*

Many contributed to K8 and the EMWMS Fund in memory of Ann Beckman over the past 2 years, so a new scholarship will be awarded this spring in her name. Please remember Kitchen 8 and our mission to keep Elizabeth's legacy alive during 2025. A donation is a great way to celebrate a special person, an anniversary, birthday, or retirement.

Submitted by
Kristy Teska
Kitchen 8 Treasurer
Miller 1984-1987



..... Thank you to our

DONORS

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Thank you for your efforts to support the mission of Kitchen 8 & the EMW Memorial Scholarship as together we promote the legacy of Elizabeth Miller Watkins

KITCHEN 8 SUGAR BOWL

General Fund

- Beverly Benso W 54-58
- Rhonda Cash 71-75
- Norma Hoagland W 69-71
- Meridith Nelson 95
- Alexis Zayas W 02-06

Hall Photos

- Norma Hoagland W 69-71

EMW's Birthday Treats for Miller Hall

- Judy Niebaum M 58-61

Annual Meeting

- Emily Bannwarth M 04
- Tobey Billinger W 05
- Ann Branden W 56
- Elizabeth Boman 75
- Sarah Greenup 08
- Norma Hoagland W 69-71
- Laura Hobbs W 75
- Camille Olcese W 71
- Sharon McIlrath W 62
- Judy Niebaum M 58-61
- Valerie Roper W 62
- Alica Thomas M 94
- Elena Wahbeh W 70
- Paula Wrigley M 03
- Alexis Zayas W 02-06

The Elizabeth Miller Watkins Memorial Scholarship Fund

From the 1950's

- Frank Scamman
- Eldon and Bev Benso

From the 1960's

- Norma Decker Hoagland
- In memory of Ashley Walker
and Rich and Karen Kliever*

From the 1970's

- Rhonda Haslouer Cash
 - James Beckman
- In memory of Ann Beckman*
- Cathie Fuller Miller

Sisters We Have Lost

Ola Stover Faucher Obituary



Ola Delle Stover Faucher, 74, Lawrence, Kansas, passed away on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at The University of Kansas Medical Center. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery. She was the Director of Human Resources for The University of Kansas until she retired in 2019. Ola was a proud resident of Watkins Hall 1967-1971. Kitchen 8 owes a great debt, as Ola was one of the first to help residents and alumni research the Watkins & Miller Trust left by Mrs. Watkins to the Halls. Without her, we wouldn't have been able to identify the Trust, get Trust statements to the Hall residents each year and ensure those yearly Trust funds are contributed to the upkeep of the Halls. That is quite a legacy!

Ola married Ted Allen Faucher on May 26, 1972, in Los Angeles, CA. He survives at home. Other survivors include her three children: Chrystal Hunter, Lysette DeBoard, and Andre Faucher; grandchildren: Alexandria, Gabriel, Zoe, Elijah, Gryphon, and Drake and great grandchild: Jack. Ola was preceded in death by her parents, half-brothers: Darrell and Dale Stover and sister: Oma Lacey.

Dorothy Thorman Obituary

DOROTHY THORMAN Dorothy (Hendrikson) Thorman, age 103, formerly of Atchison, Kansas passed away on January 4th, 2024. Dorothy was born in Atchison on August 20, 1920. Her parents, Malfred Hendrikson and Nellie Armstrong Hendrikson, lived on and farmed land north of Atchison where Independence Creek and Deer Creek intersect. Dorothy attended elementary school at Union 3 schoolhouse on Sedgwick Road. Her classmates included many cousins who lived on neighboring farms. Dorothy, an only child, was a talented pianist and spent up to four hours a day playing the piano. An active member of 4-H, Dorothy was awarded a trip to Chicago for her couture skills while in high school. She graduated from Atchison High School in 1937 and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Kansas University in 1941. She lived in Watkins Scholarship Hall 1937-41. After teaching music in Olathe, Kansas, Dorothy accepted a Danforth Fellowship to Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana where she received her Master's Degree in Psychology. While at Purdue, Dorothy met Herman Carl Thorman, a Naval officer from San Antonio, TX, who was studying engineering. Dorothy and Carl married in Atchison on March 2, 1946, and settled near Cleveland, Ohio where their first daughter, Carol, was born. In 1951, the young family moved to Altadena, California (just north of Los Angeles) so that Carl could pursue a PhD in aeronautical engineering at Caltech. Early in their California journey, Dorothy and Carl welcomed their second daughter, Susan, and their son, Thomas. They were married for 58 years until Carl's death in 2004. A conscientious homemaker, Dorothy sewed all her own drapes and used whole wheat flour and fresh vegetables before it was in vogue. Her peach and apple pies were legendary. In her later years, Dorothy spent much of her time volunteering and donating to charitable and nonprofit organizations. She was a brilliant and prodigious letter writer. Everyone will miss the sweet, carefully

constructed personal notes she would write on birthdays and holidays. At age 103 ½, Dorothy passed away peacefully on January 4, 2024, at the home in Altadena where she had lived for 67 years; she was surrounded by close friends and family. Dorothy is survived by her daughter Susan and son-in-law Michael, her son Thomas and daughter-in-law Ashana, grandson Matthew and his wife Caroline, grandson Henry and his partner Sara, and sister-in-law Beverly. Published by Atchison Globe from Apr. 24 to Apr. 26, 2024.

THE FOLLOWING THREE SISTERS WERE SENT FROM CAROL HEMPHILL STARR, M 1951-55

Kathryn Siler McCune Obituary



McCune, Kathryn J. (Siler) age 85, died March 14, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Edward McCune and her sons, Lee Edward McCune and "Ernie" George Ernest McCune. She is survived by her daughter, Linda Janette McCune Woods (Tod), and granddaughters, Sara Marie Woods Cicchi (Brendan) and Amy Nicole Woods. Kathryn lived in Miller Hall and was a roommate of Carol Hemphill Starr from 1951-1955.

Wanda Sammons Cramer Obituary



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Wanda Cramer (Oro Valley, Arizona), who passed away on May 14, 2020, at the age of 86, leaving to mourn family and friends. Family and friends are welcome to leave their condolences on this memorial page and share them with the family.

She was loved and cherished by many people including: her daughters Della Kay and Pamela Sue; her son-in-law Robin Zwick, her grandchildren, Brandon Zwick, David Zwick, Julia Bauer, Alisha Jemelian and Tonya Vela; and her great grandchildren, Isabelle Bauer and Elijah Vela.

Wanda was also a roommate of Carol Starr and lived in Miller Hall 1951-1955.

Ruby Elaine Schaulis Quarterman Obituary



Ruby Elaine Quarterman, 85, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019, at home in St. Charles, Mo. A celebration of her life was held on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 10 a.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Charles, and all who knew her and want to share in her memorial were invited to attend. A reception will follow. Another tribute will be held in Wyoming in 2020. Ruby was born on Sept. 29, 1934, in Clay Center, Kansas, to Ross and Helen Schaulis. She grew up in Clay Center, graduating from Clay Center High School. Ruby spent time in Australia on an arts scholarship, she traveled to Japan and most of the United States in her lifetime. She obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas, living in Miller Scholarship Hall from 1951 to 1955. She married George Henry Quarterman, Jr., on August 19, 1958, in Clay Center.

George and Ruby lived in Hawaii and then California, where Ruby taught elementary school and their daughter, Emily, was born. They moved to Idaho, where daughter Carolyn was born, and in 1966, they relocated to Laramie, Wyoming, where Ruby completed her Master's in Fine Arts degree at the University of Wyoming and taught art at University Prep. In 1976, the family moved to Missouri. Ruby was an art teacher at Francis Howell High School from 1978 until she retired in 1996. Ruby and George returned often to Wyoming for visits both to the landscape and friends while living in Missouri. After George's death in August 1993, Ruby designed and built on her own a "shoebox" summer cabin in 2003 where she loved hosting guests, sharing her out-of-doors, her Wyoming wildlife and maybe an enchilada, dish of curry or a quiche.


Ruby was independent and determined, maintaining her properties in Missouri and Wyoming with enthusiasm, relishing "any excuse to be outside." She was an avid walker and wildlife advocate, keeping watch for the deer and foxes who visited her Wyoming property, and birds who visited her homes in Missouri and Wyoming.

She explored and produced fine prints and photos as a graduate student at UW and helped many other artists with perfectly matting, framing, and displaying their works of art. Ruby frequented shows at the St. Louis and University of Wyoming art museums and The Foundry in St. Charles. While not actively creating works of art in her later years, she continued to decorate her environment with beloved pieces she collected from and by the artists she cared mostly deeply about.

Ruby volunteered to help others throughout her life, generously donating her time and money to organizations she believed in, wherever she lived. She was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Charles. Ruby also believed strongly in keeping an active mind, faithfully attending St. Louis Symphony Classical Series concerts and Lifelong Learning classes at Washington University every Fall and Spring. She loved time with friends and visited with as many people as she could in person and on the telephone. She wrote letters, sent cards, and answered every email. She reconnected often with people she had crossed paths within earlier years and loved being introduced to new friends along the way.

Ruby was preceded in death by her husband, George, parents Ross and Helen, sister Audrey and brother Berkley. She is survived by her daughters Emily (Lonnie) Genoff, and Carolyn Quarterman (Jack Threadgill), grandson Sam Genoff, nephews John Keeling (Colin Schramm), David (Melinda) Keeling, David (Jenn) Quarterman, Steve Quarterman (Suzy Oversee), and Ross (Dawn) Schaulis, nieces Lisa Schaulis and Adria Williams, sister-in-law Gilli Quarterman, and dear friend Jerry Looper. Memorials in lieu of flowers would be appreciated and can be made to the Laramie Downtown Clinic, 611 S. 2nd St., Laramie, WY 82070, or the Trinity Episcopal Church Memorial Garden, 318 S. Duchesne Dr., St. Charles, MO 63301.

We would like to extend K8's heartfelt sympathy to all of these families and friends who have lost a loved one. Sadly, we don't always know when a sister passes away, but we always care.

A background image of purple hydrangea flowers, with a semi-transparent purple rectangle overlaid in the center containing white text.

Watkins Hall 100th Birthday Celebration

See you in
2026!