

# Marlene L. Beethe



Born on January 20, 1933, in Alexandria, Nebraska, Marlene carried with her the steadfast spirit of the heartland throughout her life. She made a home for her husband and family first in Beatrice, Nebraska and then in Hays, Clay Center, Marysville and Manhattan, Kansas. She passed away gently on May 7, 2025 in Dallas, Texas, her home residence for the last two years near family, leaving a void that can only be filled with cherished memories of her love and gentle spirit.

Marlene served the Kansas State University community with dedication and warmth as an administrative assistant from her mid-50's until her retirement at age 70. She was a presence with her women friends at many a KState volleyball game and loved to play cards, including bridge, gin rummy and cribbage.

Marlene is survived by her children, Douglas Beethe of Windsor, Colorado, Jana Beethe of Topeka, Kansas, and Lisa Acosta of Dallas, Texas; her devoted daughter-in-law, Terese Beethe; her adored grandchildren, Katie Velasquez, Sara (Phil) Metzler, Christie Rolph, Ryan (Laura) Beethe, Blair Beethe, Cody Acosta and Mara Acosta, as well as seven great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, Everett and Opal Blausner, and her beloved husband, Vernon Beethe.

A celebration of life will be held on Monday, July 14th, from 2-4 pm at the Kansas State University Alumni Center. Those who knew Marlene are welcome to attend and share fond memories and visit with her friends and family.

A memorial scholarship has been established in her name. Contributions can be made to the Kansas State University Foundation under Fund M47504 at [www.ksufoundation.org/give/memorials](http://www.ksufoundation.org/give/memorials).