



## Loretta Katherine Brown

November 2, 1944 - August 24, 2024

Loretta Katherine Brown, 79, of Bowling Green, passed away Saturday, August 24, 2024 at Country View Nursing Facility with her daughters by her side.

Funeral services for Loretta will be Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory with Chris Gamm officiating. Burial will be in Bethany Cemetery in Louisiana, Missouri. Visitation will be Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

Loretta was born November 2, 1944 in Bowling Green, Missouri to Charles Wyverne and Hazel Lucille (Shepard) Sutton. She was united in marriage to Ernest (Ernie) William Brown on November 17, 1962. To this union two daughters were born: Charlotte Lynn Brown Speagle and Cheryl Louise Brown Jennings.

Loretta graduated high school in May of 1962. Upon marriage, she was a homemaker until 1974 when both girls were in school full-time. Loretta went to work in the school kitchen as a substitute, going to full-time in 1976. She later became the head cook and held that position until retiring in 2007. She also assisted Karen Leverenz and Marilyn Behlmann catering Alumni, Ag, and sporting banquets at the school. Loretta was an amazing cook and baker. She was well-known for her pies, cheesecakes, and cupcakes. Loretta was also an

avid cake decorator for over 40 years for the community and surrounding areas. She made cakes for birthdays, retirements, christenings, weddings, graduations, anniversaries, and showers. She catered the desserts at the Community State Bank Diamond Club Banquet for many years.

Loretta was also an avid seamstress, sewing and making clothes, mending, and repairing upholstery. She enjoyed quilting and crocheting. She loved to spend her free time fishing and camping, and always had several vegetable gardens she tended. Later in life, she passed the time by working jigsaw puzzles.

She was a member of several clubs: a Jaycee Wife "Pooped Pullets", Jolly Homemakers, Oats, and the High-Rise Social Club, where she assisted in planning events, decorating the building for holidays, and welcoming new tenants.

Surviving are her daughters, Charlotte (Lonnie) Speagle and Cheryl (Clifford) Jennings, both of Bowling Green; grandchildren, Michelle (Cody) Speagle McGovern, Rachelle (Brent) Speagle Curtis, and Olivia Speagle (Braxton Kellett); great-grandchildren: Jasmine McGovern, Tyler McGovern, London Curtis, Lillian Curtis, and Cooper McGovern; sister, Shirley Jean Sutton Fanger; and many nieces, nephews, and a large extended family.

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Richard Lee Sutton; and half-brothers, Charles Thomas Sutton, Edwin Francis Sutton, and Robert Wayne Sutton.

Pallbearers will be Charles Hopke, Danny Witthouse, Michael Constable, Chad Brown, Tim Brown, and Chris Brown. Honorary pallbearers are Lonnie Speagle, Cody McGovern, Greg Sutton, Patrick Sutton, Tracy Brown, Clifford Jennings, Brent Curtis, Michael Sutton, Neal Yarrington, and Jeff Sutton.

Memorials may be made to Pike County Home Health and Hospice or the Bethany Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethany Cemetery

Louisiana, MO 63353

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 28.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green  
606 West Main Street  
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## Burial

AUG 28 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

ZE

“ Cheryl and Charlotte, keeping you and your families in prayer during this difficult time.  
Zenda



Zenda - August 28, 2024 at 09:29 PM

CC

“ RIP Loretta - fly with the angels and make all those cakes in heaven. Cheryl and Charlotte - sending love and hugs to you guys.

Cheryl Culwell - August 28, 2024 at 03:37 PM

EG

“ When it was my turn to bake the B/D cake, she was always my baker. Very good too. Hugs to the family.

Ernestine Grimmert - August 27, 2024 at 05:06 PM

PP

“ Cheryl, Charlotte and families: keeping you in our thoughts and prayers at the loss of your mother. With sympathy, Paulette, Tom, Joy, Lance, Alli and Tanner

Paulette n Tom Powelson - August 27, 2024 at 05:05 PM



“ 38 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's, LLC. - August 27, 2024 at 12:28 PM



“ Your friends at Magruder Paving purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Loretta Katherine Brown.



Your friends at Magruder Paving - August 27, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ Golda Turner lit a candle in memory of Loretta Katherine Brown



Golda Turner - August 27, 2024 at 06:45 AM



Charlotte my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. I did not know Mrs Brown I did work with Charlotte at Country View. God Bless and keep you all in his loving arms.

Golda Turner - August 27, 2024 at 06:49 AM

JS

“ Charlotte & Cheryl,

*It has been a while, but I still remember walking up to the front porch, opening the front door and seeing Loretta and Ernie watching TV in the living room.*

*My condolences to you and the Brown Family.*

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**josh Scherder** - August 26, 2024 at 07:16 PM

MC

“ Mark Cohea lit a candle in memory of Loretta Katherine Brown



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**Mark Cohea** - August 26, 2024 at 05:27 PM

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**Mark Cohea** - August 26, 2024 at 05:26 PM

ME

“ Go fly with the angels rest in peace lorretta

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**Mark elder** - August 26, 2024 at 05:04 PM

ME

“ *Mark Elder lit a candle in memory of Loretta Katherine Brown*



Mark elder - August 26, 2024 at 05:02 PM

PP

“ *My deepest condolences to the families.*



Peggy Perkins - August 26, 2024 at 02:50 PM

DE

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Loretta worked for me for many years. She was a good worker and a very nice person so sorry to hear of her passing.*

Deanie Ebers - August 26, 2024 at 02:18 PM

JS

“ *Loretta was my lunch lady, but she was also a friend of my family. I have fond memories of her kindness and her smile. There was hardly ever a time where you couldn't get a laugh out of Loretta.*

jay scherder - August 26, 2024 at 01:15 PM

SU

*Loretta was a classmate, we sat by each other in lots of classes due to alphabet. a nice person*

susieoberdahloff - August 26, 2024 at 03:38 PM

CW

“ *My thoughts and Prayers are with the family!* ”



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**Candace Waite** - August 26, 2024 at 11:33 AM