



Claire Kerr Reynolds

March 22, 1929 - February 24, 2026

Claire Kerr Reynolds, 96, of Joplin, MO passed away peacefully at home on Feb. 24, 2026, with family by her side. She was born March 22, 1929 in Elizabeth, PA to Myron T. and Helen R. Kerr, the first of 4 children. She is preceded in death by her sisters, Florence Troy and Helen Passaro, and her brother, Myron T. Kerr Jr., daughter, Barbara Lynn Bentley, and son, William Henry Bentley III.

From a very early age Claire knew she would be a musician, specializing in playing piano and organ, and indeed she spent her lifetime doing so. She graduated from Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio in 1950, of course, majoring in Music and Piano/Organ. She began her career as an Elementary School music teacher, but her true loves were playing the organ and directing choirs. She was a church organist/choir director throughout her life, beginning at First Baptist Church in Columbus, OH, United Methodist and First Presbyterian churches in Westerville, OH and Colorado Springs, CO, and United Methodist in McKeesport, PA. She belonged to a Women's show choir, SongSpinners in Westerville, OH as a Director and Accompanist. When she moved to Colorado Springs in 1972 she started a sister SongSpinners show choir that performed for 15 years, and directed other smaller Vocal groups as time went on.

Claire is survived by her daughters, Carol Kincler and Laura (Darrell) King;

grandchildren, Anthony (Sarah) Terranova, Jason (Jason) Blackford, Eric (Kelly) Blackford; great grandchildren; Kalynne (Eric) Boyes, Jaxon (Nox) Cruz, Ella Hough-Tucker, Olivia Hough-Tucker, Mia Hough-Tucker, Jac Kimball, Oliver Terranova, Henry Terranova, Samantha Barcum and Jacob (MacKenzie) Barcum; great great grandchildren, Lennon Barcum and Halen Barcum, and many nieces and nephews.

No service is scheduled as her request was that her ashes be scattered in a special place she has chosen.