



Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

*2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.*

*6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD for ever.*



REA FUNERAL
CHAPEL &
CREMATION SERVICES



Betty C. Wendt

September 12, 1922

January 15, 2026



Betty C. Wendt

Betty C. Wendt, 103, of Houstonia, Missouri, passed away Thursday, January 15, 2026, at Sylvia G. Thompson Residence Center in Sedalia, Missouri. She was born September 12, 1922, in Lakeview, Texas, the daughter of Iris E. McMurry and Hattye L. (Stenson) McMurry, who preceded her in death.

On March 21, 1942, Betty was united in marriage to Thomas H. Boulware, who preceded her in death on September 5, 1980. She later married Judge J. Higgins, who preceded her in death in June 1979. Following his passing, she was united in marriage to Charles S. Wendt, who preceded her in death on March 15, 2006.

Betty was a proud graduate of Benton High School in St. Joseph, Missouri, Class of 1940. Over the years, she made her home in Texas, Arkansas, St. Joseph, Kansas City, Houstonia, and most recently Sedalia. She was employed at Swift's in St. Joseph and worked as a bookkeeper at Higgins' Farm Supply in Maryville and St. Joseph. Betty was a faithful member of several congregations through the years, including Frederick United Methodist Church, Houstonia Community Church, and most recently First United Methodist Church of Sedalia. She enjoyed big band music, dancing, cooking, and, most of all, visiting with family and friends.

Betty is survived by five children, Diann Powell (Roger) of Springfield, Missouri, Gary Boulware of Lee's Summit, Missouri, Ronald Higgins (Linda) of Houstonia, Missouri, Cindy Wendt (Steve Fehr) of Leawood, Kansas, and Becky Wendt of Kansas City, Missouri; sixteen grandchildren; nineteen great-grand children; nine great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Charlene Musser of St. Joseph, Missouri; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents and her three husbands, Betty was preceded in death by two sons, Terry Boulware and Donald Higgins; a daughter, Penny Berger; a brother, Tom McMurry; a sister, Benny Montemore; a granddaughter, Renee Wammack; two great-grandsons, Nicholas Melvin and Alec Kavanaugh; and a daughter-in-law, Karen Boulware.

Funeral Service

11:00 a.m.

Monday, January 19, 2026

First United Methodist Church

Sedalia, MO

Officiant

Pastor Candace Fowler

Special Music

"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

"Wind Beneath My Wings"

"I Can Only Imagine"

"Till I See You Again" - Video Tribute

Interment

Houstonia Cemetery

Houstonia, MO

Pallbearers

Lee Thomas, Matthew Tenner, Jeremiah Shull,

Phillip Musser, Barry Musser, Byron Musser

Honorary Bearers

Chandler Wammack, Jack Bigos, Reed Jones

Memorial Contributions

Show-Me Christian Youth Home

First United Methodist Church