



## Doris Jane Stoner

July 13, 1933 - March 17, 2020

Doris Jane Stoner (Asman), 86 of Higginsville, Missouri met her Heavenly Father on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at Meyer Care Center in Higginsville. Born Thursday, July 13, 1933 in Trenton, Missouri, she was the daughter of the late Frederick Asman and the late Ada Asman (Page). She was the wife of the late James Henry Stoner, preceding her in death March 26, 1986. They were united in marriage on December 27, 1959 and were married 26 years. Doris Jane graduated from Trenton High School in 1951 and attended Trenton Junior College for one year. She graduated from Central Missouri State College (UCM) in Warrensburg, Missouri in 1955 with a Bachelor's in Music Education, majoring in Piano and minoring in Organ.

Doris taught instrumental and vocal music in the Mayview, Missouri public schools from 1955-1957 and then taught vocal music in the Higginsville public schools from 1957-1960. She left teaching to care for her children and family but continued to teach private piano and organ lessons.

Doris Jane served as the organist for the Salem United Church of Christ for 62 years during which time she played for numerous weddings and funerals. She also accompanied Higginsville school choirs for many years.

Doris Jane was a 50 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She will be missed by family, many friends, and former students.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband James Henry Stoner; and one sister, Carolyn Yoss.

Surviving are one son; Jimmy (Tish) Stoner of Higginsville; three daughters;

Denise (David) Robinson of Warrensburg, MO, Teresa (Larry) Button of Higginsville, Jamie (Kirk) Smith of Lexington, MO; ten grandchildren; Josh (Andrea) Robinson, Andrea (Payton) Docheff, Kristen Smith, Jordan Smith, William Button, Jackson Button, Ada Stoner, Parson Stoner, Nolan Stoner, Bray Stoner; two step-grandchildren, Justin Button and Jason Button; one great-grandchild, Eliana Robinson; one brother-in-law, Jim Yoss; and several special nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday July 24, 2021 with visitation one hour prior at Salem United Church of Christ Higginsville, MO with the Rev. Dr. Tommy Faris officiating.

Memorials may be made out to Salem United Church of Christ or the James H. and Doris Jane Stoner Memorial Scholarship fund, and mailed to Stewart-Hoefer Funeral Home 1600 Main St. Higginsville, MO 64037.

# Cemetery Details

## Salem Cemetery

Higginsville, MO 64037

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 24. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Salem United Church of Christ  
1500 N Main St.  
Higginsville, MO 64037  
salemucc@ctcis.net  
<http://www.salemucchigginsville.org>

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Doris Jane Stoner*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Doris Jane Stoner*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Doris Jane Stoner*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Doris Jane Stoner*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Doris Jane's passing, but she leaves us with a host of fond memories. Her Easter performances of Widor's Toccata were nothing short of masterful; and became one of the highlights of our Higginsville visits. My wife Coleen had a special appreciation as an organist herself; and for me, it's a memory that still makes me smile.*

*Bob Bridges*

**Bob Bridges** - April 01, 2020 at 05:11 PM

NB

“ Jim and I send our heartfelt sympathy to your family. I was so sorry to hear about the passing of such a beautiful woman who had such an impact on my life. What an incredible impact she made on her community, her church, her family, her students, and me. I have so many fond memories that I will always cherish. I took piano lessons for years from Doris Jane. Every time I sit at my piano, I think of my very gifted, talented, brilliant, and fun teacher and friend. She not only taught me how to play, but taught me to love to play. Every time I hear any of the piano selections being played that she taught me, I think of her. I still tear up every time I hear “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”, “Gesu Babino”, and other hymns we played together at Salem United Church of Christ. What a gift and blessing she was and will always be to me! I will forever be grateful that I had this wonderful teacher growing up. I could go on and on about my memories of her and she will always have a special place in my heart. Your dear mother will be deeply missed, but always appreciated, cherished, and loved. Jim and I send our caring thoughts, sympathy, prayers, and love to all of you.

*Nancy Meinershagen Bell*

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**Nancy Bell** - March 26, 2020 at 03:09 PM

DL

“ Denise, May you feel the presence of God’s comfort and peace at this time.

*Darlene Laubenstein*

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**Darlene Laubenstein** - March 25, 2020 at 10:39 AM

DR

“ Chris and I send our condolences and affections to Doris Jane's beloved family in this time loss and recollection. What a unique and remarkable person and talent Doris Jane was! From my own youth and throughout my life I have so many memories of her kindnesses, graciousness and example of servanthood. She used the talent with which she was blessed to bring a greater sense of God's awe, majesty and comfort to the experience of worship at Salem Church over the decades. We hope we can be there when you all gather as a congregation and larger community to celebrate her life and her enduring legacy.

*David Rauch*

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**David Rauch** - March 22, 2020 at 10:16 PM

RE

“ Robin Eaton lit a candle in memory of Doris Jane Stoner



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**Robin Eaton** - March 21, 2020 at 01:49 PM

RE

*Doris Jane was a beautiful lady I admired. She taught me piano lessons briefly and Nancy for many years. They performed duets of organ and piano together at church during holidays. She played the organ beautifully for 60 years at Salem. She seemed like a wonderful mother and wife. Her children should be proud to of had her as a mother. She was always friendly and had a beautiful smile. We express our deepest sympathy to the family.*

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**Robin Eaton** - March 21, 2020 at 01:58 PM

MH

“ My sympathy to the family of Doris Jane Asman Stoner with the passing of their dear loved one. I have many fond memories of Doris Jane as a person and friend, but my most cherished is having her as my high school music teacher. She was a caring, knowledgable and gifted teacher who taught with compassion and love. However, in high school music theory class I always shuttered when she gave us dictation and we were to write what she had just played. I did not tell anyone that I really enjoyed the challenge. As I began my college studies to become a music teacher, I soon realized what wonderful preparation I had received from Doris Jane. Though I was never a member of Salem UCC I would often have the pleasure of hearing her play the nice organ there when I attended weddings and memorials of my family members. What wonderful music you heard there as she gifted you with her talents. As a high school student the classes were often gifted with her piano skills and what fun it was hearing her play Dizzy Fingers and Kitten on the Keys. Everyones favorites.

*I count myself as one who was blessed by knowing her and being able to study with her. I treasure her guidance that truly helped me have a very successful teaching career. She will always hold a special place in my heart. I hope to be able to share in the celebration of life later on.*

*Martha (Starkebaum) Hutchison*

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**Martha Hutchison** - March 20, 2020 at 03:03 PM

JK

“Doris Jane was a central part of the Higginsville community for many, many years. Not only did she play the organ and piano beautifully for Salem United Church of Christ for decades, but she also accompanied countless school choirs and individuals for many of those years. She gave our two children piano lessons, setting the stage for their lifetime love of music. She was a wonderful friend, mother, grandmother, teacher, and much more - she will be missed by all of us. Prayers for all the family.  
- Dennis & Judi Knipmeyer

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**Judi Knipmeyer** - March 20, 2020 at 01:50 PM

CL

“Doris Stoner was a person who I admired. Her family was looked up to because of their capabilities of sharing educational knowledge. As a child I remember my grandmother's admiration for Jim and Doris. I loved listening to Doris play the organ, share about the pieces, and answer questions. Then I got to know their children-Denise, Theresa, Jim jr--your parents have been proud. She will be missed. Thanks for all your family has given to your Higginsville community. Love and blessings, Connie Long

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**Connie Long** - March 19, 2020 at 02:25 PM

RS

“Doris Jane's playing of the organ at Salem Church will forever be etched in my mind. For a town and church our size to have such a gifted and dedicated organist was a true blessing. My thoughts are with her family.  
You will be greatly missed by the church and town. Rest in peace.  
Randall Schowengerdt

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**Randall Schowengerdt** - March 18, 2020 at 01:15 PM

AK

“ My sympathy to all of the family. Doris Jane was such an inspiration at church with her organ music; she was my piano teacher and accompanist, my organ teacher, and mentor about 40 years ago. I am so thankful for her musical guidance as I was preparing to follow in her footsteps for my career. We both started our teaching careers in Mayview! I continue to pass on to my piano students what Doris Jane taught me. I regularly play the same beloved organ pieces at church that I heard her play as I was growing up. We will all miss her, but our lives have been enhanced by knowing her. I hope to celebrate her life with the family after the COVID 19 pandemic is over.

Alice (Freese) Kennedy

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**Alice Kennedy** - March 18, 2020 at 12:29 PM