



Adeline Saia

November 18, 1926 - November 9, 2025

Adeline Saia, 98 years and 356 days old, Topeka, Kansas, passed away peacefully Sunday, November 9, 2025, at the House at Midland Care.

Adeline was born the eleventh of thirteen children on November 18, 1926, to Joseph and Margaret Kuhn Schreiner in Hays, Kansas. She attended school in Schoenchen and graduated from the 8th grade in 1940 as the class valedictorian. She was not allowed to attend high school when she graduated because she had to work to help provide income for her family; however, she did complete her GED from Topeka High School in 1981. She lived in Schoenchen and surrounding Ellis County communities most of her childhood. In 1943, Adeline and her family moved to Topeka. She worked at Seymour Foods and later in Federal Civil Service as a telephone operator at the VA Hospital.

On October 1, 1949, Adeline and Joseph S. Saia were united in marriage at Holy Name Catholic Church, enjoying over 64 years together prior to his passing on June 18, 2014.

The Saias were active parishioners at Holy Name Church for 71 years. Adeline was involved in the Holy Name Altar Guild and the church choir. She was also famous for her homemade noodles which she donated to the annual Holy Name Fall Bazaar.

Other activities included participating in the Catholic Bowling League where she made many lifelong friends. Adeline was a seamstress who spent many years making wedding and bridesmaid dresses and doing alterations for hundreds of clients in Topeka. After moving to Thornton Place Independent Living when Joe died, she continued her alterations service, became a Thornton Place Ambassador and led exercise classes daily for residents much younger than herself! She was always a social butterfly and she loved connecting with people well into her 90's. She was the Schreiner family matriarch for several years and was the expert on family history, relishing that role. She also loved to play cards, especially the Schreiner family game Dingbat. She enjoyed passing down her Dingbat expertise to younger generations of her family.

Adeline is survived by her three children, Karen Morrow (Chuck) and Joseph P. Saia of Topeka and Tony G. Saia (Kris) of Winnsboro, TX. She has two grandchildren, Dillon Dreher (Michelle Albano) of Kansas City, MO and Lindy Brewer (Jeff) of Topeka; four great-grandchildren, Nolan Brewer, Jalen Moore (Maleeah), Camden Brewer, and Talia Dreher; one great-great-grandchild, Knox Moore; and brothers, Joe from Plano, Texas and Herb from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

She is also preceded in death by her parents, ten siblings, and her daughter-in-law, Glenda Taylor.

Visitation will be on Friday, November 21, from 5 until 6:30 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, followed by the rosary and Family Remembrances. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 22, at Christ the King Catholic Church. Inurnment will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Midland Care or Christ the King Catholic Church, sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Rosary and Family Memories

NOV **21**. 6:30 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
5973 SW 25th St
Topeka, KS 66614-1973
(785) 273-0710

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Adeline Saia



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - November 14, 2025 at 05:00 PM

SS

Adeline was such a beautiful soul with an amazing spirit. She was always ready to enjoy life, and live it to the fullest. I know she is at peace with my husband, Robert Saia, probably laughing and telling amazing stories.

Sharity Saia - November 21, 2025 at 04:43 PM

TM

“ Tony sorry to hear about your mom passing. Susan and I send our love and condolence . May she rest in peace. Tom and Susan Mignacca

Tom Mignacca - December 03, 2025 at 12:08 PM

TS

“ I enjoyed Adeline’s company. It was fun to have a female Schreiner cousin close to my dad’s age. There were so few of them. I grew up seeing Adeline and Joe at the Schreiner gatherings; they both always took time to say hello to me and my siblings and dad and mom. Years later, when I was using Ancestry.com to complete my family tree, Adeline helped me; she answered many questions. And, during those discussions is when I learned of her dad’s journey from the “old countries” [Germany and Russia’s Volga River region] to America by ship, along with his parents (also my Grandpa Lawrence Schreiner’s parents) and another sibling. It was an incredible accomplishment! I will miss you, Cousin Adeline! And All Your Wisdom! Signed Tina Lee Schreiner, daughter of Lee R. and Jean (Nelson) Schreiner, both of Kansas

Tina Lee Schreiner - November 22, 2025 at 03:18 AM

TS

“ Whenever myself or any of my umpiring/officiating friends would get new pants and needed them hemmed, ADELINE was the person we called. She would call when the pants were ready and I thoroughly enjoyed going to her house and visiting with her and JOE and listening to stories about the SCHREINER clan and JOE tell stories about going to Yankee Stadium and watching Joe DiMaggio play. When we would ask ADELINE what we owed her for hemming our pants, she would say "how about \$1.00?" or "is \$2.00 too much?" We had to convince her that her prices were too low and she needed to charge more. But to her, it wasn't a business. She was doing something that she loved and was helping people.

Tegan Swoboda

Tegan Swoboda - November 20, 2025 at 07:00 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Adeline Saia.*



November 18, 2025 at 06:26 PM



“ *Annie Davidson lit a candle in memory of Adeline Saia*



Annie Davidson - November 16, 2025 at 08:28 AM



“ *Karen, I am so very sorry for your loss of your mother. May she rest in peace!*
Ann Schiefelbein,

Ann - November 14, 2025 at 11:44 PM



“ *Sandy Saia Broaddus lit a candle in memory of Adeline Saia*



Sandy Saia Broaddus - November 14, 2025 at 11:29 AM

LE

So sorry to hear of Adeline passing. I just found out tonight after Mass. She made my daughter's attendants dresses and sewed many Boy Scout patches for my son. I would go up with my sister each Christmas to Thornton to take her a poinsettia. What a great lady! She will be missed.

Lorraine Eggen

Lorraine Eggen - November 22, 2025 at 10:19 PM

DA

“ *Denise A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adeline Saia.*

Denise A. - November 14, 2025 at 06:25 AM

MH

“ *Adeline was a true gem. We grew up knowing Joe & Adeline. Adeline turned my mom's wedding dress into my wedding dress. I always loved talking to both your parents and hearing all the antics of my Dad & Joe growing up. May all your memories fill your heart with their love and maybe just a little laughter.*

Mary Kay (Grace) Hendrickson - November 13, 2025 at 09:58 PM

RS

“ *Aunt Adeline and her husband Joe Saia were the most natural, loving aunt and uncle I could have hoped for. Whenever they came to our house, on the farm or in town - I was delighted. Uncle Joe's jokes and playful spirit and the banter between the two of them was a kick! Adeline and I kept in touch in her later years and I always loved her as a good friend of my Mom, Lydia and favorite sister of my Dad, Eddie. I am clapping and dancing today knowing she is home! Thanks for all the good times and years as friends!*

Rev. Len Schreiner - November 13, 2025 at 03:05 PM

PM

Aunt Adeline was "the light of my life"! From the time I was 10 yrs old, I always felt a connection to her. As I grew older, I was delighted to resemble her in a lot of ways; not just in looks. Jerry, I and the boys never passed through Topeka on our way to Hays from Virginia without a stop at Joe and Adeline's.

When we moved to Manhattan after retirement, we still made a lot of trips to Topeka just to be with them...so many good memories.

When she moved to Thornton Place, I made it a "joy" to come and take her to lunch almost monthly. I reveled in all her stories of days gone by. Most people there thought we were sisters and yes: she was the "big sister" I never had and I will miss her for the rest of my life! Rest in peace, my dearest "Sis"!

Patricia Moran - November 13, 2025 at 07:48 PM

JA

How lucky I was to know Adeline for many years. My in-laws were good friends with Adeline and Joe and enjoyed many travels together. I always admired the talent she had as a wonderful seamstress. She made beautiful bridesmaids dresses for a family wedding of ours.

When I think of a kind, caring lady with a beautiful smile, that's Adeline. Rest in heaven sweet lady....

Janice Arnold - November 13, 2025 at 10:27 PM

VH

It was always a pleasure to see or visit with Adeline at Holy Name. Remembering your family in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Vickie (Jones) Hasenkamp

Vickie Hasenkamp - November 13, 2025 at 10:43 PM

JH

Adeline and Joe welcomed us to the neighborhood when we moved in next door. We loved them and they became great friends. Loved happy hours in their comfortable home and seeing Bob and Joe sitting on their porch on a warm afternoon drinking a beer and discussing sports for hours. We joined Adeline at Thornton Place and loved being with her everyday for meals and activities. Losing her has put a big hole in our lives. She shared many stories about her family and I know how much she loved them and how much that love was reciprocated. She told us several times in the last few months that she was ready to go and be with her beloved Joe again. She will be greatly missed but I know she is happy surrounded by God's love and her beloved Joe.

Jackie and Bob Hays - November 14, 2025 at 12:45 AM

SB

Sweet Aunt Adeline, our earth angel loved by many. No doubt you were welcomed with open arms into Heaven. Several people have written about the beautiful wedding and bridesmaid dresses that you've sewn. You kept an album filled with pictures of all those gorgeous gowns. My favorite wedding dress was not one that you made, but the one that you wore on the day you and Uncle Joie were married. I still find it unbelievable that a just-married couple would go straight from the church and climb three flights of stairs in their wedding attire to visit a hospitalized child. From your Denver honeymoon, you brought me a tiny wooden Indian baby in its papoose. That speaks volumes about the kind, fun, thoughtful, loving couple you and Uncle Joie were. My family was truly blessed by your presence. You both will always remain in my heart with love and many treasured memories...Sandy Saia Broaddus

Sandy Saia Broaddus - November 14, 2025 at 08:26 AM

LS

I was saddened by reading about the passing of your mom. I sang with her in the choir holy name and she made a beautiful christening gown for my first granddaughter. prayers for prayers for your family, Sharon Lewis.

Lewis Sharon - November 14, 2025 at 08:55 AM

SB

OOOPS.... Guess I'm all shook up. My Sweet Aunt Adaline, was our earth ANGEL! No matter how many times I read what I wrote, I missed spelling "angel."Willing to bet that she is chuckling about my spelling.

Sandy Saia Broaddus - November 14, 2025 at 11:32 AM