



## Agnes Johanna Kazminski

June 7, 1931 - February 27, 2019

Agnes Johanna Sutter Kazminski, 87, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

Agnes was born June 7, 1931, at the home of her parents, Hans and Katrina Ming Sutter, in Lungern, in the canton of Obwalden, Switzerland. After high school, she attended University in Bern, Switzerland, receiving a degree in Early Childhood Development and worked in early childhood development centers and as a social worker in Bern, Switzerland.

Agnes married Chester Kazminski on April 1, 1970, in Switzerland, and moved to the United States. In 1978, she received her Master's Degree in social work from the University of Kansas. Agnes worked at The Capper Foundation until her retirement in 1990.

Agnes became a U.S. Citizen in 1982. In her retirement, she was an active member of the Topeka Author's Club, writing and publishing four books, one in German, and traveled extensively.

Agnes is survived by sons, Rick Kazminski (Lori) and Barry Kazminski; grandchildren, Maria, Kelly, Sabrina and Jay Kazminski; sisters, Marianne Wagner of Topeka, Trudy Gasser (Hans Heini) and Rita Gasser (Klaus); brother, Hans Sutter (Hanni); sister-in-law, Gretly Sutter; special godchild,

Barbara Seiler (Marcel Van Eeden) and their children, all of Switzerland; many nieces, nephews and friends will miss this intelligent, kind and gentle lady. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Ernst Sutter; brother-in-law, Tony Wagner; sister-in-law, Florence Kazminski; and nephew, Hans Peter Sutter.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Friday, at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 2700 SE Virginia Ave, Topeka KS 66605, with visitation one hour prior.

Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Friday at West Lawn Memorial Gardens, Interstate 70 and Auburn Road.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Topeka Symphony or Doctors without Borders, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

# Cemetery Details

## West Lawn Memorial Gardens

I-70 & Auburn Road  
Topeka, KS 66615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church  
2700 SE Virginia Ave  
Topeka, KS 66605

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church  
2700 SE Virginia Ave  
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## Graveside Service

MAR 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

West Lawn Memorial Gardens  
I-70 & Auburn Road  
Topeka, KS 66615



# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Agnes Johanna Kazminski



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - March 07, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ Agnes Johanna Kazminski

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Agnes paved the way for us to go to Switzerland in 1990. We were working together on Topeka's Family Fair and became close friends during the rest of Agnes's life. We can't believe we won't see her warm and wonderful smile at Topeka Symphony. We are sure she has been and will continue to be a true angel. Love, Alice and Lee

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**Alice Eberhartwright** - March 13, 2019 at 08:04 PM

BM

“ Agnes and I were social workers together at The Capper Foundation for many years. She cared very deeply for the children in her caseload, always placing their interests at the very top of her priorities! Our friendship grew through the years and continued long after our employment at Cappers. As couples, we participated in a gourmet group together that met in homes. Craig and I eagerly anticipated the times that Agnes and Chester hosted. She set an elegant table, and the food she served was outstanding and done with a special flair.

When our five grandchildren were young (including triplet babies!), Agnes joined me for a one week long babysitting stint in San Antonio! We worked hard but also had some good laughs and were especially relieved to turn over our healthy, happy, non-injured charges to their parents upon their return.

Agnes - you lived with grace, dignity and style. My life was enhanced through knowing you and counting you as a dear friend!

Benith MacPherson (Tucson, Arizona)



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**Benith MacPherson** - March 09, 2019 at 02:10 PM

MF

“ Would just like to share how much I cared for Agnus I did her hair for about 20 years we became close and good friends she will be missed



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**Marie foster** - March 08, 2019 at 09:24 AM

KM

“ I use to clean Her apartment about 3 years ago working as a housekeeper, she was so wonderful to me, sad about her passing, but i know she’s gained her wings. Fly high angel agnes .



karen m - March 05, 2019 at 01:26 AM

PF

“ I met Agnes in graduate school at KU School of Social Work. In the process of working on a team project Agmes invited us to her home on Sunrise Hill and fed us delicious kughelhopf. We met for lunch during our work years and attendend the Topeka Symphony. It has been my honor to have Agnes in my life. My son's middle name , Armin, was a suggestion from Agnes that has made her part of the life of my family.  
My sincere condolences to her family.

Penny Fry

Penny Fry - March 04, 2019 at 11:10 PM

JM

I have so many wonderful memories of times shared with Agnes during the years we attended Write Stuff together. She was a dear. It saddens me to read she is no longer with us. Peace and blessings to her family and loved ones. She will be missed.

Judie Miller - March 05, 2019 at 01:19 AM

LM

I have such a pleasant memory of having known Agnes here at McCrites. Even though I only knew her for a short time. She was such a gracious woman to everyone. I will miss her very much.

Louise McCord - March 05, 2019 at 05:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Agnes Johanna Kazminski.*



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March 03, 2019 at 05:23 PM



“ *I was saddened to read of Agnes' passing. She was a special friend of mine in my literary world of Write Stuff and Kansas Authors Club. Always gracious and quick to smile, she seemed as glad to see me as I was her. I loved her accent as it reminded me of my grandmother, so conversations with Agnes were particularly enjoyable. I have read and collected her wonderful books; she purchased a painting of mine to give to her sister in Europe as a birthday gift. I was thrilled. I will miss her. A lovely light has gone out, but will forever leave an afterglow. I regret that I will be unable to attend the service as I will be in Lindsborg at Bethany College conducting a painting workshop that day. My deepest sympathy to her family. Barbara Waterman-Peters*

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**Barbara Waterman-Peters** - March 03, 2019 at 05:16 PM



“ *Agnes was so helpful to me many, many years ago when my son attended The Capper Foundation in the KidLink program. My thoughts of comfort are with the family.*

*Janet Jackson  
Mom of Nathaniel Eli Jackson*

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**Janet Jackson** - March 03, 2019 at 02:56 PM

BK

“ *When i was like 6 i brought hom a kitten, thouht id be in trouble, but Agnes asked me to name, I picked Matilda and Agnes soon fell in love with her.*

Barry kazmimnski - March 03, 2019 at 01:59 PM

BK

“ *Barry Kazmimnski lit a candle in memory of Agnes Johanna Kazminski*



Barry kazmimnski - March 03, 2019 at 01:44 PM



“ *Dear Agnes, I love you and I'm going to miss you. You were a generous person, a delightful hostess, a wonderful writer, and lived a fascinating life which you chronicled well in memoirs! I loved to see you, talk with you, share with you, and greatly appreciated you gifts of Swiss chocolates! I loved working with you to get some of your books published, and was honored that you chose one of my photographs to hang in your living room. I'll cherish the memory of speaking with you by phone just before you went to the hospital, and seeing you resting peacefully at Midland Hospice in the days before you let go and left our world to visit your dearly departed. Bless you!*



Carol Yoho - March 03, 2019 at 10:55 AM

JA

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Joy Albright** - March 01, 2019 at 08:59 PM

CS

“ I first met Agnes in 2012. I was staying with Carol Cutter following my back surgery. Although Agnes did not know me, she brought homemade apple pie to Carol and me. It was so...delicious. Plus it showed her kind and generous spirit. I was fortunate to get to know Agnes after that. We shared meals at her house, Carol's house, my house, and Blackbird's.

We also shared a love of music, art, and writing. I often saw her at concerts at White Concert Hall. My fondest memories are attending the July 4th community-wide celebrations at Grace Episcopal Church with her and Carol.

Agnes was a woman of grace, kindness, and talent and I will miss having her in my life. My condolences to her family.

*Cherie Seckinger*

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**Cherie Seckinger** - March 01, 2019 at 08:11 PM