



## Alana Wilson Oswalt

March 1, 1954 - December 23, 2022

Alana Renae Wilson Oswalt, 68, Topeka, Kansas, passed away peacefully in her sleep, unexpectedly on Friday, December 23, 2022.

Alana was born March 1, 1954, in Topeka, the daughter of Angelo and Betty Meggino Locurto. She graduated from Topeka High School in 1972. Alana married Larry Franklin Wilson on July 28, 1977. She had been an award-winning Home Interior Design Consultant prior to entering the healthcare industry as a medical secretary. Alana worked 36 years as an Activity Director at several different Topeka assisted living facilities and nursing homes, including McCrite Plaza Topeka, Atria Hearthstone and Manor Care. She was a member of Topeka Bible Church. Alana had a wonderfully infectious joyful personality and touched so many lives. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, singing, and sewing. Alana was passionate about creating and would frequently craft wonderful items from very little as evident by contributing to Sheltered Living's Festival of Trees for over 25 years. Her musicianship began as an accordion player as young as three and followed her through her life, inspiring a love of the arts in her grandchildren.

Alana is survived by her daughter, Heather Dawn Winzer (Randy) of Pittsburg, Kansas; grandchildren, Jack Patrick Winzer, Samantha Clarice Winzer, Sarah Elizabeth Winzer and Jonathan Franklin Winzer; half-sister, Mary Gleicher of Florida. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Larry Wilson, Doug

Banka and Gene Oswalt; son and daughter-in-law, Heath Devon and Mardine; parents, Angelo and Betty Locurto; and three half-brothers.

Visitation will be 1 p.m. Friday, December 30, 2022, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Eskridge Cemetery, Eskridge, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Heather Winzer, to go towards Alana's grandchildren's education expenses, and sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

"Start each day with a grateful heart."

# Cemetery Details

## Eskridge Cemetery

Eskridge, KS 66423

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

DEC 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
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Topeka, KS 66614  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Alana Wilson Oswalt



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - December 30, 2022 at 12:49 PM



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Alana Wilson Oswalt



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - December 30, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Cherished Memories



Winzer Family - February 28, 2023 at 07:55 PM

WF

*When I was 13, I penned a poem entitled "Happy Birthday Mother"; Mom was a late winter early springtime baby, March 1st. She's always been drawn to the song "Here I Am Lord", it is an honor to share our family focused photos. ~Heather*

**Winzer Family** - March 01, 2023 at 01:19 AM

RK

*Beautiful video done with love and your Momna is smiling and saying that's my girl, my beautiful daughter. Your Daddy is holding her hand again and they're laughing (I can hear her voice and laughter) and celebrating today. Her son and Mardine are right there too. So you know it's a party ❤️❤️❤️*

**Reta Kitterman** - March 01, 2023 at 11:18 AM

AD

*“ I'm just now finding out about Alana's passing. I was one of her activity volunteers at McCrite Plaza when I was a teen. Her and I developed a close friendship and I even accompanied her to church several times. She had a wonderful bright personality and was very talented. She loved God and she had a beautiful smile that would brighten any room. Sending prayers to all of her loved ones.*

**Ashley (Whitaker) Davis** - February 01, 2023 at 02:11 AM



*“ Alana Wilson Oswald*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

JC

*“ Loved the memory video, thx for the pics, Heather. Melody and I will never forget the great time we had with you and Alana trekking through Israel 5 months ag; what a trooper she was, with never a complaint and always a laugh!*

**Jim Congdon** - January 09, 2023 at 11:24 AM

SW

“ I've thought a lot about what I could say to honor Nana. I've worried about not saying something good enough, but I know that she would just want me to speak from my heart. She always did. Out of everyone I know, she was the closest person to God I've ever known. I was so lucky to know her my whole life. I know she's smiling down on all of us right now. Even though we'll miss her down here, she's up in heaven with God, who she will always be closest to.

Samantha Winzer - December 30, 2022 at 10:27 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alana Wilson Oswald.



December 30, 2022 at 01:09 AM

BE

“ She has always been nice to me and a very special person to work with. I have helped her out with a few activities when needed. I will always remember she would call me Brenda even though that was not my real name maybe I looked like a Brenda. I never corrected her I just went along with it in passing each other down the hall with a smile on my face ... Thoughts and prayers for the family.

Becky - December 28, 2022 at 11:44 PM

DB

“ I had known Alana since grade school at Topeka Lutheran, and then through junior high and high school. When I moved back to Topeka 15 years ago she was one of the first old friends I reconnected with. Just saw her at our THS 50th Reunion a couple months ago. Heart broken.



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**Dani Blackwood** - December 28, 2022 at 04:28 PM

MW

“ To Heather & Randy, family & all friends - Our sincere condolences from all the residents and staff at McCrite Plaza Retirement Community. I worked with Alana (as the Health Center Activity Director) for many years. I admired Alana's hard work, dedication and true love for all the residents and staff. She was very good at her job & gave it her all. She loved her family and often would tell me stories about get togethers. She was very proud of all her grand kids. I know Alana loved the Lord and we all take comfort in knowing he takes care of his children. If you can read this from above Alana... just wanted to thank you for all you did for everyone and that I admired you greatly. I know the Lord will say good job, good and faithful servant at the gate. Our prayers go out to all. - Mark Wallace, HC A.D. P.S. - Gerva wanted Heather to know she is praying for her as well.

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**Mark Wallace** - December 28, 2022 at 01:17 PM

CK

“ Everyone will miss Alana. She was involved with so many lives while working at McCrites. She and I always had a good laugh about something, while I worked there for 7 years. She was a very work oriented and talented person. She was a special lady. Im so sorry for your families loss. God bless each of you.

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**Cathy Kinder** - December 27, 2022 at 09:02 PM

JO

“ My grandmother was the true embodiment of an angel, she would never ever have a frown on her face, and would always make sure that you are okay before her. Anyone who was lucky enough to know her can confirm everything I'm saying. I'm so glad I was able to know her in my short life and hope her legacy will continue to live on in all of us.

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**Jonathan** - December 27, 2022 at 05:09 PM

CD

*She was a Special Grandma for sure, keeping her family in my heart and prayers.*

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**Cheryl Dugan** - December 27, 2022 at 06:15 PM

PR

*Yes your Grandmother Alana was so sweet and always thought of others first..I loved her laugh..  
Keeping you and your family in my prayers always.*

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**Paula Rollins** - December 27, 2022 at 10:12 PM

SW

“ I loved my grandmother dearly and I know she always loved us. Nana was the most joyous godly person I ever knew, and we will miss her greatly. The dove necklace she gave me for confirmation has and will now forever hang around my neck; it's significance becoming all that much more meaningful.

Sarah Winzer - December 27, 2022 at 04:58 PM

CD

She was a cherished Grandma for sure, but now she is a special cherished memory... prayers are being sent your family's way..

Cheryl Dugan - December 27, 2022 at 06:18 PM

JH

I met Alana when she came to Roosevelt Jr High for 9th grade. Her Mom and my Aunt, Katie Weakly, we're friends and worked at Montgomery Wards together. Katie told me she would be coming to Roosevelt. Alana was a very outgoing, kind girl and I enjoyed getting to know her. We lost track of each other through high school but remember she and your Dad came to our house in the early '80s. Again, life happened and it wasn't until we started having Roosevelt reunions that we reconnected. We would see each other through the years and it seemed like we'd seen each other. I saw her this last September at our 50th high school reunion and we had a great visit talking about our Roosevelt gathering the next month. The October visit was wonderful and she told me that she had really enjoyed these visits. Alana was such a loving, giving person. She truly did brighten the lives of those she touched. I feel grateful to have known her. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Jan Bracken Heinz - December 28, 2022 at 04:22 PM