



Anne Ward

September 14, 1952 - March 16, 2026

Anne Therese Ward, 73, passed away on Monday, March 16, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born on September 14, 1952, to Paul and Jean Davis Patterson in Topeka.

Anne graduated from Hayden High School and later attended Washburn University, graduating with a master's degree in accounting. Anne worked as a lunch lady for Berryton Elementary School for over 30 years; she loved her job.

Anne enjoyed yard work of any kind, especially in the summertime. She loved cooking, baking, and enjoying supper with Jerry every day. She also enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Anne was the most wonderful grandma ever to her four grandchildren.

Anne was a survivor; she battled different types of cancer six different times and survived it every time. This last time, God called her home after a courageous final battle.

Anne is survived by her life partner and best friend, Jerry; daughters, Jennifer (Eric) Matson and Rebecca (Oliver) Kurtz; grandchildren, Addison, Davis, Ethan, and Theodore; siblings, Judy, Eileen, John, Mary, Tina, and Steve.

Anne was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Paul and Timothy Patterson.

Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Inurnment will be private at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Anne Ward



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - March 20 at 12:45 PM

JE

So many memories of Anne. I worked with her at Berryton and remember her fondly. When I first started there, I admit, she intimidated me. My mission was to get her to smile at me. After that ice was broken, we had such a fun relationship. Blessings to you all.

Jennifer Evans - March 23 at 07:19 AM

HD

Girls I'm so sorry to hear about your loss your mom was a good friend and a character and so much fun.

Howard Diacon - March 25 at 06:58 PM

CJ

“ Oh Anne I am heart brokento hear of your passing. So many of us battled cancer together at Berryton all those years. I am so sorry you encountered so many times. I loved working with you at school in the lunchroom. Wr shared our joys and vented together about all the going ons there. May tou rest in peace and out of pain now. Love to your girls a d family. Everyone will miss you so much. Cheryl Jones (partners in crime in the lunchroom! ❤️❤️)

Cheryl Jones - March 21 at 10:47 AM

LW

“ I met Anne at Berryton and always appreciated her attention to detail. She always let new people know who was in charge and how things were run. I only got to play the “new teacher” card once but a big smile would always win her over. I loved hearing stories about Jerry. She always had a little sparkle in her eye when she spoke of him. She was strong and also a huge softie. The thing I loved most was her little side grins that she thought no one could see. Berryton was blessed to have her!

Leslie White - March 21 at 12:54 AM

DG

“ Lost a dear friend & long time neighbor to a courageous battle with cancer!
You will be so missed sweet friend & never forgotten!



Deanna Gee - March 20 at 06:34 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Anne Ward.



March 20 at 09:57 AM

JT

“ Julia T. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anne Ward.

Julia T. - March 19 at 10:32 PM

TF

“ *The Herendeen & Yoder Families purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Anne Ward.*



The Herendeen & Yoder Families - March 19 at 05:19 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Anne Ward.*



March 19 at 03:02 PM

TF

“ *The Stedman Family & The Sommers Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Anne Ward.*



The Stedman Family & The Sommers Family - March 18 at 10:06 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anne Ward.*



March 18 at 09:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anne Ward.

March 18 at 09:49 AM



“ We first met when I taught her daughters at preschool and then we met again working together at Berryton. I enjoyed visiting with her about her family. She will be missed.

Lisa Hahn - March 17 at 10:25 PM



We send our condolences to the Ward family.
Ray and Pam McComas

Ray McComas - March 20 at 03:36 PM



“ Your Wolf Ave. Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Anne Ward.



Your Wolf Ave. Family - March 17 at 08:54 PM



“ From Marcia, Sheryl, and Chuck Ulmer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Anne Ward.



From Marcia, Sheryl, and Chuck Ulmer - March 17 at 05:37 PM