



Barbara Burgen

April 17, 1930 - June 12, 2025

Barbara Anne Burgen, 95, of Topeka, passed away Thursday, June 12, 2025, at Presbyterian Manor of Topeka.

She was born on April 17, 1930, in Clay Center, Kansas, the only child of Lyle Wayne and Bernadine lone (Reboul) Ernst. Her early childhood was spent growing up in the community of Broughton where her maternal grandparents owned and operated the general store. She was a 1948 graduate of Wichita North High School and spent time in Rapid City, South Dakota before moving to Topeka in 1953 and started a job in the banking industry.

In 1956 she married Kenneth Lloyd Burgen in Clay Center, KS. Ken and Barb made Topeka their home, celebrating 56 years together before he passed away on January 4, 2013.

In 1975, Barb began a career with St. Francis Hospital, retiring in 2007 and immediately went back to the hospital as a volunteer for another 12.5 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a half-sister, Betty Stannard and one step great grandson, Jacob Rake.

Survivors include a son, Ken (Sherry) Burgen of Topeka, a daughter, Sheri (Tony) Rundell, of Bixby, OK; four grandchildren, Kenny (Misty) Burgen and

Shannon (Ryan) Hoskinson of Topeka, Tyler (Rick) Burgen of Wichita and Zach (Anna) Rundell of Tulsa, OK.; two step grandchildren, Doug Rake and Kevin (Dawn) Rake of Topeka; seven great-grandchildren, Chelsey Burgen, Trinity Willett, Seth, Levi and Anna Hoskinson, Leo and Weston Rundell; twelve step grandchildren, Zach (Rian) Kelly, Kourtnie Feliciano, Kyra (Dalton) Tripe. Trenton Rake, Ashton Rake, Malanea Rake, Austin Tillman, Braden Tillman, Rylan Rake, Payton Tillman, Karley Rake and Addie Tillman; two great-great grandchildren, Brylee Wolf and Anthony Wolf; five step great-great grandchildren, Addie Kelly, Mason Frederick-Munsell, Colton Tripe, Parker Tripe and Adin Cushinberry.

Barbara's family will greet friends on Monday, June 16, from 5 until 7 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Burial will be Tuesday, June 17, at 11 a.m. in Greenwood Cemetery, Clay Center, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Barbara' memory to Helping Hands Humane Society, sent in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

501 Franklin Street
Clay Center, KS 67432

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Graveside Service

JUN **17**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greenwood Cemetery
501 Franklin Street
Clay Center, KS 67432

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Barbara Burgen*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - June 16, 2025 at 01:49 PM

HC

“ *Burgen family*
I am saddened to hear of your mother's
Passing she was a bugger the last time I seen her was at your
fathers family night
I stopped to tell her I was leaving she hugged me and thanked me
for attending. I will always remember her
Being happy and smiling I will always remember her. She will be
missed.

My heart felt condolences.

Jay Collins

harry Jay Collins - June 16, 2025 at 07:02 PM

BS

“ *To all of the family, our sincere condolences for your loss. She was*
such a sweet Lady! Love and hugs to all, Barb and Terry

Barb Stearman - June 16, 2025 at 08:09 AM

AM

“ Ken, Sherry and family:

So sorry to hear about mom's passing. She was such a wonderful lady and have so many great memories of our years at St Francis days, Home Interior parties, and dinners with the SF girls. She will be greatly missed - she's home with the love of her life now. You all are in my prayers....

Anna Munns - June 16, 2025 at 07:51 AM

PG

“ Ken, Sherry and family - I was so sorry to hear of Barb's passing. She was a lovely person, so kind and generous. She will be greatly missed by all.

Pam Gatrost - June 15, 2025 at 08:51 AM

KA

“ We remember seeing your mom every Saturday at the shop for breakfast, she was always smiling. Your mom was always funny to talk to, we will miss her.

Kevin and Annie - June 15, 2025 at 08:47 AM

DW

“ Ken, Sherry and families,
I was so blessed to have known not only your mom but also your dad and Grandma. I was trying to remember when and how I met your mom and it's been so long I can't remember. Your mom was the best friend and was a a great listener when I needed someone to listen to me. I will miss her very much and our Cracker Barrel breakfasts/lunches. I just know your dad was there to meet her when she got to heaven. Thinking and praying for your families during this difficult time. Deb White

Debbie White - June 14, 2025 at 07:30 PM

CC

“ Ken

I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. My deepest condolences to you and the family.

Cathy Collins - June 14, 2025 at 05:48 PM

LZ

“ *I will always remember Barbara as Sheri's mom. At family get togethers she would always have a big smile and a hug, a lovely lady. She always had a sweet story about her grandkids, her kids and her dog. A beautiful life she had, just look at her kids and grandchildren and great grandchildren. Now they have an angel watching over them.*

Linny & Mark

linda zoeller - June 14, 2025 at 01:48 PM

WU

“ *Wendy U. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Burgen.*

Wendy U. - June 14, 2025 at 11:39 AM