



Barbara Jane Rinehart

May 18, 1926 - April 11, 2017

Barbara Jane Rinehart, 90, of Topeka, passed peacefully on April 11, 2017, at the House at Midland Care Hospice.

B.J. was born on May 18, 1926, the ninth child born to Albert and Elizabeth (Haefner) Deghand. She was proud of her upbringing in the Oakland community of Topeka which instilled in her a love for life, laughter, faith, America, hard work and family, which she lived every day of her life.

B.J. married Jack L. Rinehart on November 19, 1947, and her love for him continued long after his death in 1983.

B.J. had an infectious personality that she happily shared, whether it be during her work career which began at Santa Fe Railroad, running Rinehart Roofing with Jack, at church activities (Most Pure Heart of Mary and Christ the King), Girl Scouts, VFW Post 1650, swimming parties in the backyard on Grand Court or later as a demo lady at Sam's Club. She genuinely loved being around and helping others. We joked about how she answered to the names Mom, Nana, B.J., Jeanie or Barb depending on where she was and what she was doing!

B.J. is survived by her son, Guy (Janet) and her daughter, Gaye, both of Topeka; three grandchildren; Ryan (Stacy), Brandon (Lexie) both of Topeka and Robyn (Josh) Rinehart Jones, Oklahoma City OK; and seven great-grandchildren, Lilian, Claire, Luke and Shelby Rinehart and Zuri, Gabriella and Jaycee Jones. We will all sorely miss our mom and Nana!

She was also preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Albert Deghand, Jr., Marian Gartner, Ray Deghand, Rosemary Firreno, Paul Deghand, Esther Lesser, Lucille DeAngelis and Frances Hyatt.

Family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, with a rosary following at 7 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 W 25th Street, Topeka KS 66614.

Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Midland Hospice Care, Corita's Corner Sandwich Ministry, Aldersgate Village or Christ the King Catholic Church, sent in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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 Barbara Jane Rinehart



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 14, 2017 at 04:31 PM



“ Barbara Jane Rinehart

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Gaye and Guy, I'm so sorry to hear about BJ. I always loved her humor and thoughtfulness. I know it will be hard for you to be without her. Love you both.

Marsha Baird



Marsha Baird - April 22, 2017 at 10:27 PM



“ Family. B.J. thought of everyone as family. It was / is an honor to be included in that and see that example for living being carried out so strongly through the generations after her. She always thought things were "interesting" and really cared about what was happening around her. Great lessons for life! Hugs, tears and cheers for and with you all. Today and ever more!
Frank & Joann Hurtig



Frank & Joann Hurtig - April 17, 2017 at 03:35 PM

BC

“ I knew B.J. many years ago when we shared the same time at the Most Pure Heart of Mary Adoration Chapel. We would always talk after our prayer hour, and I loved her optimism, her sincere caring, and her beautiful smile. I remember seeing her at Sam's and she would also give me a big hug and take time to ask about my life. She was such a lovely woman who touched the lives of so many people! We were all blessed to know her. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.

Barb Chamberlain

Barb Chamberlain - April 17, 2017 at 11:31 AM



“ I have tried to write this several times. Gaye and Guy both know me. It was an honor too work with your mom at Sam's. We managed to get into clean trouble together. She loved her family. I remember when the first great grandchild was born. She talked and talked
She told me about how she decorated for Christmas, well I think Gayle and Guy did. Her flowers, the planting of flowers at church.
She is having a cocktail and said you kids need one too. She was loved by many and will be missed more

Love

Sarah.

Sarah Guffy - April 16, 2017 at 09:15 PM

DF

“ Guy and Gaye,

I was so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I have so many memories of your mother and entire family. They all bring a smile. My prayers go out to you all.

Dean Foster

Dean Foster - April 16, 2017 at 05:54 PM

BS

“ My heart goes out to B.J.'s family.. She and I were just teenagers when we started working at S.F.R.R. She was always so full of life and such a joy to be around. She will be sorely missed. Again May God keep her safely in HIS hands....

Betty Semon - April 16, 2017 at 09:58 AM

SS

“ Dear Guy and Gaye,

My heartfelt condolences to the entire Rinehart family. Your mother was one of a kind and I know she will be missed by many. I remember good times around the swimming pool, your folks spoiled us, and didn't call the police when we somehow ended up in the pool in the middle of the night. I always felt welcome and she made a point to speak to everyone.... I will not forget that laugh. You both inherited the 'perfect host' genes.

I really enjoyed helping out with the Girl Scout troop for camping trips, 10 mile hikes, nature walks and snipe hunts. BJ and Mrs. Bernica were saints putting up with those girls....BJ with perfectly manicured hands and hair coifed, tending a camp fire.... Really good memories, may they bring you some comfort. I imagine the warm welcome at those pearly gates, Jack and all who passed before her, and I can hear her laugh....Prayers for you all!

Susan Swalwell

Susan Swalwell - April 14, 2017 at 08:04 PM

DG

“ Debbie Gorton lit a candle in memory of Barbara Jane Rinehart



Debbie Gorton - April 14, 2017 at 02:20 PM

LM

“ Guy and Gaye,

Wow, what great memories I have of you folks. Your mother was such a blessing to so many. BJ was the best at making any and everyone feel welcomed and special. She made a lasting impression on me and countless others. God bless her for putting up with our Girl Scout troop all those years(along with Mrs. Bernica). We could be an ornery bunch! Camp outs at Daisy Hindman, Christmas cookie baking, Jack driving us around in the roofing trucks to go Christmas caroling, charm school at the YWCA with BJ always having lots of coins so we could all buy a "Tab" from the vending machine, singing her favorite patriotic songs to try and make her cry(it always worked!).....she'd be laughing and crying and saying "Girls, girls.... quit that now". She allowed us to be typical silly kids, yet we learned valuable lessons along the way. She had our respect and we always knew who was in charge. The biggest lessons learned were love of God, family, friends and country.

Thank you for sharing your Mom!! Praying for you your family. Rest in Peace BJ.

*Love,
Linda Swalwell Martin*

Linda Swalwell Martin - April 14, 2017 at 10:43 AM

LM

“ To the Rinehart family,

On behalf of HHS class of '78 we send our condolences to your family. Praying for peace and comfort.

HHS 1978

Linda Swalwell Martin - April 14, 2017 at 10:17 AM

MH

“ For one of our girl scout meetings your mom made cut out Christmas sugar cookies for all of us to decorate. She spent several hours getting them ready for us. I had the best time decorating and may be one of the reasons I did the same for some girl scouts years later. So many fun times with your mom. My mom thought the world of her. She was a gem!

Michelle Hoferer

Michelle Hoferer - April 14, 2017 at 09:22 AM

SF

“Gaye, Guy, grandkids and great grandkids, please know that prayers are offered that you may feel the Love of Our Lord, His comfort, that is beyond human understanding. Memories.....Gosh, how do you describe the excitement as a child when we loaded up to go to Uncle Jack and Aunt Jeanie's!



WooHoo! Always a promise of fun and laughter! Swimming until you were prunes! Gaye playing the 45s: "Hello Mudduh, Hello Fadduh" & "Signs" while my Mom, Dad, Uncle Jack and Aunt Jeanie had a few while cooking the hamburgers. And when the big kids got tired of me; I would listen to my folks laugh and laugh and laugh while reminiscing with Uncle Jack and Aunt Jeanie. I so enjoyed listening to their memories! You could not know a more kind-hearted, fun loving, nurturing lady than Aunt Jeanie. When my Dad died, I credit Aunt Jeanie with getting my Mom out of her shell and getting her out in the world. I could call Aunt Jeanie, and say Mom needed a nudge, she needed Aunt Jeanie's sunny disposition. What beautiful friend! I am forever grateful. God bless you for the treasured memories of my childhood. Thanks for everything Aunt Jeanie! God blessed us with you :D

Sherry Volz Fergel - April 13, 2017 at 11:53 PM

JA

“I've known "Aunt Jeannie" since the day I was born. She had the neatest laugh, and used to call kids "Peanut". I remember her and my mom giggling like little girls. She made the best meatballs, and showed my how to make the pizza dough stretch without tearing. So many great memories of such a neat, neat lady. She will be deeply missed.

~Jan Volz Burgardt

JAN - April 13, 2017 at 09:38 PM

BE

“God Bless you all!

Barb & Greg Reser, Tillie Esser - April 13, 2017 at 07:15 AM