



## Berneta Shults

December 17, 1946 - June 20, 2019

Berneta Rose (Tanking) Shults, 72, passed away on June 20, 2019, at her home in Topeka.

She was born at home on Dec. 17, 1946, in Oneida, Kansas, the daughter of Lawrence and Cecilia (Peppersack) Tanking. Berneta grew up with her eight siblings on the family farm in St. Benedict and Netawaka. She graduated from Netawaka High School in 1964.

Berneta married Houston Dean Shults on Jan. 15, 1966, at Assumption Catholic Church. They celebrated their 53rd anniversary earlier this year.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence “Doc” and Cecilia Tanking, and brother Jim. Survivors include her husband, Dean; sister, Mary Cheray (John); and brothers Don Tanking (Barb), Larry Tanking (Alberta), Jerry Tanking (Denise), Kenny Tanking (Louise), Randy Tanking (Alice) and Rich Tanking; and children Dawn Rottinghaus (Steve), Darren Shults (Margaret) and Faron Shults (Shannon); and five grandchildren, Ashtyn and Kelsey Rottinghaus, Erica Shults, and Mary and Matthew Shults.

Berneta was a loving wife, mother and grandmother known for her strong work ethic and her baking, especially pies, cinnamon rolls and bread. She was a cook at Mission Valley High School in the 1970s before she owned and

operated Katie's Korner in St. Marys for 11 years. Berneta was the baker for Annie's Place in Topeka 23 years and the last four years at Sommerset Hall Café, known as the "Best Café in Dover." She never lost her love for baking.

She was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, where she volunteered at funeral dinners for several years. She and her family also organized a car show at the Homestead of Auburn Assisted Living for the past 11 years to benefit the Cerebral Palsy of Topeka.

A rosary will be said on Thursday, June 27 at 5 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, followed by visitation until 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church on Friday, June 28 at 10:00 a.m. The rosary will be prayed one half hour prior to Mass. Interment will be at Dover Cemetery, Dover KS, at 1:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Most Pure Heart of Mary Church or Cerebral Palsy of Topeka, sent in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Dover Cemetery

Dover, KS

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JUN 27. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

JUN 27. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Topeka, KS 66614  
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## **Rosary**

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**JUN 28.** 9:30 AM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church  
3601 SW 17th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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Most Pure Heart of Mary Church  
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Topeka, KS 66604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Berneta Shults*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Berneta Shults.*



June 26, 2019 at 11:20 PM



“ *so sorry for all yall. She was a wonderful lady.*

**Linda Punchard-Neely** - June 26, 2019 at 07:03 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Berneta Shults memorial video*



**Ashtyn Diane Rottinghaus** - June 25, 2019 at 09:20 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Berneta Shults memorial video*



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**Steve Rottinghaus** - June 25, 2019 at 09:15 PM

AS

“ *Ann Soule' lit a candle in memory of Berneta Shults*



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**Ann Soule'** - June 25, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Berneta Shults.*



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June 24, 2019 at 10:21 PM

BR

“ *Dear Shultz family-Berneta was so cheerful and friendly whenever I saw her! She baked the best pies and recently asked me what my favorite pie was. She was the bright spot in many people's day and will be missed! Our deepest sympathy to all of you. May your wonderful memories be a comfort to you at this time...*

*Tom and Brenda Rutledge*

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**Brenda Rutledge** - June 24, 2019 at 05:34 PM

SF

*Bernita and Dean were my parents, George & Nadine, neighbors. The Best neighbors anyone could ask for! I called Bernita several times when I couldn't get a hold of them, she usually knew their schedule :) Bernita was also do kind and thoughtful! She will be truly missed!*

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**Sue Flach** - June 25, 2019 at 01:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Berneta Shults.*



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June 23, 2019 at 09:30 PM

DW

“ *My sympathies to Dean, Dawn, Darren, Faron and families. Bernie was a super boss and I loved working for you all at Katie's Korner. She was easy going and a super hard worker. We joked a lot but always got the job done. Hugs to you all.*

*Deb Wulfkuhle (Elaine Banks' daughter)*

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**Deb Wulfkuhle** - June 23, 2019 at 07:06 PM

RS

“ *She loved through baking and cooking for family I was so fortunate to have he as my aunt who never said a cross word to anyone and always had a smile for everyone. I always bragged about her pies and cinnamon rolls. I will miss her smiling and kind face. Family always came first and it shows through her children by what good adults they have become and great parents in their own right they have become. Some are taken way too soon from this earth but I know an angel got her wings.*

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**Russell shults** - June 23, 2019 at 02:38 PM

EF

“ *She made the MOST fantabulous sour cream raisin pie! I can actually taste it right now (Could not get her to give me the recipe<smile>) Not to mention all the other works of art (flakiest crusts and NO weeping meringues) she created in that kitchen @annie's place...I truly envy the angel's above who now get to enjoy the fruits of her labor...*

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**elizaBeth friend** - June 23, 2019 at 02:00 PM

AB

“ *Dean, Mary Lou, John and families of Berneta, We are so shocked and so sorry! We hope this sweet lady did not suffer and slipped easily into the arms of Jesus. Our prayers to all of you for comfort and peace.*  
*Alan and Patty Barth*

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**Alan and Patty Barth** - June 23, 2019 at 10:16 AM