



Betty Casper

November 16, 1926 - February 1, 2022

Betty McEnroe Casper, age 95, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

Betty was born in Topeka to Ethel and Adrian McEnroe. She was married to Dr. Joseph T. Casper, Jr. for 62 years and was a lifelong Topeka resident.

Betty had strong pillars in life and they were faith, family, friends, and community. She was a parishioner and she and her children were a founding family of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. She was devoted to her Catholic faith her entire life.

Her family was everything to her and Betty was proud to be a homemaker. Her children who survive her are Joseph T. Casper III and his wife, Christine, Adrienne Evans, and Robert Casper and his wife, Brenda. She is also survived by her seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, who called her Great Betty, to her delight.

She was an active community volunteer and was often in leadership roles with the organizations she joined. Betty was a life member of St. Francis Auxiliary. She was a member and president of both the Topeka Dental and the Kansas Dental Auxiliary. She was a member of the Nautilus Club, a College Hill neighborhood organization and served as president. She was a volunteer for

Topeka Community Concert for more than 50 years and served on the board including a term as president. A top salesperson in memberships to these community concerts for several years, her dedication to the organization was honored with a scholarship in her name to a Washburn University student. Betty also received the 2012 Arts Connect Arty Award for Outstanding Volunteer for her work with Community Concerts.

She was an avid Washburn University supporter for decades, along with her husband, Joe. They traveled to away games for both men and women's basketball, rarely missed a home basketball game and attended most football games for many seasons. While her children were attending Washburn, Betty served as president of the Mothers Club for two fraternities and a sorority. She also served as chairperson for a two-state fundraising campaign for the Petro Allied Health Center. She became the first female president of the Ichabod Club and was the first woman named Ichabod of the Year. She was a member of the Nonoso Honor Society and was named a patroness of Sigma Alpha Iota music sorority. She served on the Friends of the Mabee Library board of directors and worked in the Washburn bookstore during enrollment. Betty received the Washburn University Alumni Association Monroe Award for community service and received an honorary doctorate in Public Service from Washburn in 2013. Her passion and commitment to community efforts to support the arts and learning were strong.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Joe, her parents, an infant sister, Virginia, and her brother Harlon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Washburn University Endowment for the Betty McEnroe Casper music scholarship and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 Urish Road, Topeka, KS 66614.

The family is having a private funeral.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Casper



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - February 07, 2022 at 05:28 PM



“ Betty Casper

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ I am writing to say that I knew Betty through my mother. We moved away from Topeka a couple years ago, but Betty's birthday popped up on my calendar for tomorrow and in looking for her contact information I found that she had passed. She was a wonderful woman and, although belated, I wanted to send words of comfort to the family. Sincerely, Lisé Geelan White



Lise White - November 15, 2022 at 05:15 PM



“ I have so many fond memories of my visits with Betty at Brewster Place. She was a very special lady and will be greatly missed. May God continue to give you comfort and peace as you morn her loss.

Roger Jackson - March 07, 2022 at 11:28 AM

AM

“ Ross and I send our condolences to Betty's family. She was such a special lady, and we always enjoyed seeing her and having a fun visit. She will forever be the first person we think of when Community Concerts is mentioned. We served on the board with her for many years, and her efforts for that organization were monumental. Thanks for sharing her with us! Anita Miller

Anita Miller - February 10, 2022 at 02:55 PM

RS

“ My condolences to the Casper family. I knew Betty through Bob, from the many nights I was over at their beautiful home, playing pretty competitive Scrabble with Bob. She was always kind, and cheerful, offering snacks, and occasionally interrupting our games politely, to visit. So sorry for your loss.--Rick

Rick Schmidt - February 09, 2022 at 11:14 PM

GJ

“ Deb and I send our condolences to Betty's family. We met Betty through the Topeka Community Concert Association. She was the heart and soul of the TCCA and her passion was infectious! We have special and fond memories and feel blessed to know her. Rest In Peace Betty!

Gary and Deb Johnson - February 08, 2022 at 09:42 AM

JH

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Betty Jean. Betty was my moms first cousin and they were always in contact with one another. I could always count on seeing Betty at the basketball games. After mom passed away I would call or go visit Betty at Brewster's. Sometimes she would call me to remind me it had been a while since our last visit. Loved those times.

Joe, Adrienne, and Bob our thoughts and prayers are with you.

John and Melinda Hanson

John & Melinda Hanson - February 07, 2022 at 08:20 AM

DL

“ Joe, Adrienne & Bob.....I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. Betty was a special lady who I got to know when she became my "adopted" grandmother. As a freshman Alpha Delt at Washburn, I was fortunate to become Joe's pledge son. Through her involvement with the Alpha Deltas, we had many spirited conversations as she passed on her words of wisdom to me.

My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Casper family .

Donn Land - February 06, 2022 at 08:30 PM

RA

She meant so so much to all of all of my Alpha Delta brothers from 1966 to 1970

Ray - February 08, 2022 at 08:17 PM

MC

“ *Adrienne*

Sorry to hear of your loss. I always enjoyed her visits. She was a hoot.

Mitch and Mary Cooper

Mitch and Mary Cooper - February 06, 2022 at 05:17 PM

JM

“ Dear Family & All of Betty's Many Friends,

We all lost a great woman this past week! Betty made living our lives in Topeka more meaningful and enjoyable. She was a loving and tough woman ! Her personality was a unique and admirable combination of caring and strength which made her part of the heart and backbone of the Topeka community.

I first met Betty when she was the head of the Alpha Delta Mother's Club when I was a student at Washburn University. Her son Joe and I were fraternity brothers. Betty always organized her Mother's Club events and made certain of their success. She did it with a smile, positive encouragement and an iron will. What a leader, what a friend, what a woman!

Later on she asked me to serve on the board of Topeka Community Concerts and you could not say "no" to Betty. I ended up serving for over 20 years on that board with Betty and it was an honor and pleasure to work along side with her. She sold more memberships in that organization every year than any other member....literally hundreds per year. Because of Betty Casper every organization she worked with experienced great success. Her numerous awards from multiple sources are clear proof of her devotion to our community.

Betty you will truly be missed by myself and so many. Thank you forever for your generous Christian spirit and loving nature. God speed dear friend.

John D. Minnick - February 06, 2022 at 10:37 AM

RM

John you and I loved Betty's spirit for over 50 years. I only wish I could see her children this week as they return for her funeral. Hopefully the Alpha Delta Alumni Association will encourage each of us to contribute to her Music scholarship through the WU Foundation.....

Ray Makalous - February 06, 2022 at 04:58 PM

JM

Amen Ray, Amen.

John D Minnick - February 06, 2022 at 07:57 PM

PI

“ *Dear Adrienne, Joe and Bob,
My condolences.*

*Your mother Betty was a remarkable lady; loving, beautiful,
intelligent and witty. She was my friend as well as my mother's.
I met Betty in approximately 1961 and as an adult, for years, on
Valentine's Day I sent her a dozen red roses. Your mom was very
good to me, I loved her and I will miss her very much.*

*Take good care,
Pedro Luis Irigonegaray*

Pedro L. Irigonegaray - February 05, 2022 at 11:00 AM

DN

“ I met Betty and Dr. Joe in 1979 while I was a freshman on the Washburn basketball team.
Fortunately I met them through the team's booster program which connected out of town players to generous supporters of WU basketball.
I have fond memories of monthly dinners at their beautiful home on MacVicar Ave where Betty would provide guidance and support for all things Washburn ranging from my studies, social life and what our team was doing right/wrong on the court. Dr. Joe taught me how to grill a steak seasoned perfectly with garlic salt which I love to this day.
We remained friends long after I graduated in 1983 and I will forever cherish the memories of time spent with Betty and Joe.
She was a warm, caring, thoughtful and energetic leader for her many passion projects and will be greatly missed by all in the Topeka community.
Our thoughts and prayers are with her wonderful family.
Dave Nelson

Dave Nelson - February 05, 2022 at 09:33 AM

BS

“ Adrienne , Joe and family,
So sorry for your loss. Your Mother was such a classy, talented woman. I have always felt related since the McEnroe's and Leep's(my aunt and uncle) were best friends. They always had such wonderful things to say about them.
With love, Bobbi Showalter

Bobbi Showalter - February 04, 2022 at 03:09 PM

MW

“ Very kind and nice neighbor . Very fine person.

Mark Works - February 04, 2022 at 09:25 AM

MW

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Betty's passing. She and my mom (Maureen Marcy) were friends for many years through their sewing club. They used to meet for lunch at McFarland's once a month and after mom broke her hip and was no longer able to drive, I would take her to their monthly luncheon. I really enjoyed those luncheons. Betty and the rest of the women were so much fun to be around. I believe Betty may be the last member of the group to pass (Bessie Johnson is the only one I'm not sure about).

During my father's last illness, Betty made my mom a prayer shawl and brought it to the hospice house. I remember how touched mom was. I still treasure that shawl.

May your memories comfort you a this difficult time.

Marianne (Marcy) Wessel - February 04, 2022 at 08:58 AM

SA

“ Betty's Family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you strength and comfort in the days ahead. Betty and Joe were two special people to our family. My Mom cleaned house for them. I always enjoyed dropping Mom off at their house whenever I was in town and visiting with them. Cherished memories that I will have forever. I have/will cherish the prayer shawl that Betty made me when I was dealing with my cancer back in 2004. They were two wonderful people. She will be missed by all that knew her. Deepest sympathy.

Sue (Cyr) Affolter - February 03, 2022 at 11:26 PM

AC

“ To Betty’s Families, Sorry to read about the passing of Betty. I have a lot of memories with Betty and Dr..Casper. Betty was a very caring person , and involved in the community. Your Families are in our thoughts and prayers. Betty you will be missed.

Ann Cyr - February 03, 2022 at 11:20 PM

ML

“ Adrienne, Bob, and Joe. My condolences on the loss of your sweet Mom, she was such a nice lady. May her memory always bring a smile to you all. We keep you in thoughts and prayers

Mike LaFontaine - February 03, 2022 at 08:11 PM

RC

“ To Betty’s Family, Betty and Dr. Casper we’re very devoted to the Topeka Community. My Mother was the Casper’s housekeeper for several years. Betty always ask how my family was doing. Your Families are in our thoughts and prayers in this difficult time in life. Betty may have passed away on earth, but she is a Special Angel looking down on us now.

Rick Cyr - February 03, 2022 at 06:41 PM