



Betty Herman

October 15, 1934 - April 18, 2008

Betty Lou Herman, 73, Topeka, passed away Tues. April 15, 2008. Betty was born October 15, 1934 in Junction City, the daughter of Alfred and Emma Soderberg Olson. She attended rural grade school at the Antelope School and graduated from Dwight Rural High School in 1952. At the age of 17 she moved to Topeka where she was employed by Southwestern Bell. On May 14, 1966 Betty and Sylvester Herman were married at St. Joseph Church. They enjoyed 41 years together until Syl's death on Feb. 25, 2008. Betty took time off from work to take care of their two daughters and then returned to the phone company, retiring with 30 years service. She later worked part-time for the Shawnee County Health Agency and volunteered at the Red Cross and Let's Help. She was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and Altar Society and the SWB Telephone Pioneers. Survivors include daughters, Angela Herman, and Stephanie Schmitz, her husband, Ben, and their children, Justin, Joshua, Gabriel and Ethan, all of Topeka; a sister, Hazel Patterson, Junction City; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Harold Olson, and one sister, Evelyn Whiteley. Family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Fri. at St. Joseph Church, 3rd and Van Buren, where a parish rosary will be prayed at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Sat. at 10 a.m. at the Church. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Let's Help and St. Joseph Church sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Herman*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Steph and Angie, we were deeply sorry to hear of your mother's death. We know that her last years were very trying, but no matter what happens, we are never prepared. We didn't receive word until this Saturday or we would have done more.*

We have sent a check to the Brennan Funeral Home for St. Joseph's Church in Betty Lou's memory. Please know that we are praying for her and both of you as well.

If we can make things easier for you by coming to Topeka and helping with anything at all, please let us know. We love you, Carol and Ernie.

Carol and Ernest Gizzi - April 27, 2008 at 06:34 PM



“ *Angie, we are sending a special prayer for your mother's soul. May she rest in peace with the Lord. Condolences to you, Larry, Jane Hesse & family*

Larry, Jane Hesse & Family - April 17, 2008 at 10:36 AM