

Carmelia "Corky" Briel

November 14, 1927 - January 12, 2021

Carmelia "Corky" Briel, 93, Topeka, Kansas, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, due to complications from pneumonia.

Corky lived a full and happy life. She always surrounded herself with friends, family and strangers who were friends she had not yet met. Corky touched so many people's lives. She enjoyed passing out "pocket angels" to everyone she met. She retired from Santa Fe Railroad, then enjoyed traveling a lot while working for AAA.

Many of Corky's loves were music, painting, volunteering, dancing, and traveling but mostly she loved socializing. She was a member of many groups and organizations. In Corky's last years, she spent many hours volunteering for Harvesters.

Corky lived at McCrite Plaza Topeka and was an ambassador to new and potential tenants. She loved showing everyone around.

Corky is survived by her daughters, Annette Conrad (Yvonne Channel), Patty Bissinger (Terry Thyfault) and Cathy Jordan (Walt Jordan); grandchildren, Jason Blankas (Rebecca), Michelle Stein (Scott), Kevin Bissinger, Sierra Conrad, Alexander Clark, Shasta Conrad, Zack Jordan, Caleb Jordan, Karlee Jordan; great-grandchildren, Kaylee Barber, Roman Gray, Arianna Corwin and

Isabella Corwin; step-daughter, Belinda Ockel-Jacobsen; siblings, Mary “Murphie” Jennings, Dan Reynoso (Vivian), Louie Rockers (Floyd), Paul Reynoso (Peggy); and sibling-in-laws, Richard Lowe and Mary Belle Reynoso. She was preceded in death by husbands, William T. Seeman and Richard Briel, parents, and siblings, Mary Noe, Bea Addington (Ron), Tony Reynoso and Josie Lowe.

Rosary will be prayed 9:30 a.m. Saturday, January 23, 2021, at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 2700 SW Virginia Avenue, Topeka KS 66605, where Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Matthew Catholic Church, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN **23**. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
2700 SE Virginia Ave
Topeka, KS 66605

Mass of Resurrection

JAN **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Carmelia "Corky" Briel



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 22, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ Carmelia "Corky" Briel

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Annette, Patty & Cathy, thank you for so generously sharing your Mom with all of us over all these many years. She was so much to so many. For me, she was my port in the storm. When my own folks were tired of parenting, she opened her arms and her home. She helped me find furniture for my little duplex, get my job at Shawnee Federal, dry my tears when I was sad and tell me to snap out of it when enough was enough! Bug me until I finally applied at Santa Fe! Help me shop for my wedding dress when my Mom didn't have time. Corky is the reason Hallmark created "Other Mother" cards, I'm sure of it. I was so lucky to be counted in her crew at some of the most important and vulnerable times of my life. I'm a better person for knowing her and I will love and miss her forever.

Vicki Coulter - January 23, 2021 at 09:38 PM

PB

So lovely, thank you for the kind words.

Patty bissinger - January 26, 2021 at 11:24 PM

MW

“ *My sincere condolences to all family and friends. Just don't know what to say other then Corky was one of the kindest, sincere and outgoing ladies I ever met. She didn't know a stranger and she hugged everyone. All of us at McCrite Plaza Retirement Community will never forget everything she did for us - we all considered her family. May the Lord bless her and keep her - till we all meet again. Praying for all.*

Mark Wallace - January 22, 2021 at 02:03 PM

PB

Thank you

Patty bissinger - January 26, 2021 at 11:27 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmelia "Corky" Briel.*



January 22, 2021 at 04:28 AM

DB

“ *Don and Janeen Bruun purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carmelia "Corky" Briel.*



Don and Janeen Bruun - January 21, 2021 at 03:51 PM

SM

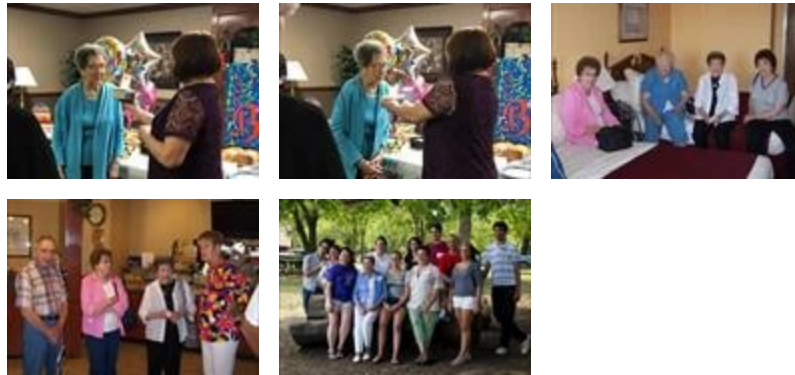
“ Sofiana, Tim and Monica purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Carmelia "Corky" Briel.



Sofiana, Tim and Monica - January 21, 2021 at 11:31 AM

PB

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Patty Bissinger - January 20, 2021 at 09:07 PM

PB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



PATTY BISSINGER - January 20, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmelia "Corky" Briel.*



January 18, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ *Corky was a beautiful person inside and out! She never met a stranger and NEVER had a bad word to say about anyone! She was ALWAYS willing to help whoever was in need. She was the truest of friends, fun loving and full of life! We had sooo many fun times together! She might be gone in flesh, but she will definitely live in our hearts forever. She was so proud of her girls! Know you will miss her. Your families are in my prayers.*



Sally Brooke - January 18, 2021 at 02:06 PM



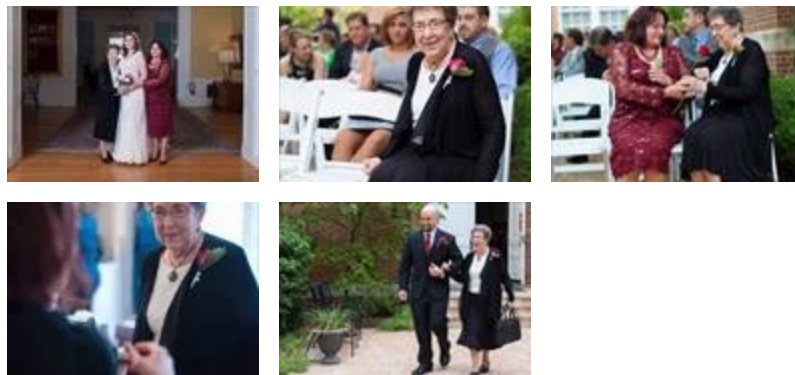
“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Carmelia "Corky" Briel.*



January 18, 2021 at 10:23 AM

MS

“Corky was a very special lady. She was so kind and friendly to everyone she met. My favorite memories of grandma are the nights when we would listen to music and play the card game UNO. We will miss you and love you always!



Michelle Stein - January 17, 2021 at 09:56 PM

AC

“Mom were the most generous, loving person. Always loving unconditionally. We will miss you everyday and bless the fact you are not hurting anymore.



Annette Conrad - January 17, 2021 at 08:49 PM

PR

“1 file added to the tribute wall



Peggy Reynoso - January 17, 2021 at 08:23 PM

PR

Corky came to visit us in Guadalajara in February of 1984, and the boys loved hanging out with their fun aunt. --Paul & Peggy

Peggy Reynoso - January 17, 2021 at 08:25 PM

TF

“ *The Paul Reynoso Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carmelia "Corky" Briel.*



The Paul Reynoso Family - January 17, 2021 at 08:19 PM

SA

“ *I have never met a lady as beautiful as Corky. I met her at McCrite working the election. She had charm ,she had taste she's A lady. That fit Corky. Fun, serious, devoured to anything she took on. I go to work the election and it wasn't work. She knew all the residents, and their families. She "hostessed the elections at McCrite. I've thought about her so much all these years. She impressed you. And you didn't forget her.*

I met one if the daughters many years ago. A lovely lady too. To the family she was in love with you. All of you. RIP Corny.God got a special angel.

Sarah - January 17, 2021 at 12:11 PM

SC

“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Sierra Conrad - January 17, 2021 at 12:07 PM