



## Christine Versluys

June 9, 1966 - December 13, 2022

Christine Anne Versluys, 56, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

Christine was born June 9, 1966, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the daughter of Marianne Smentowski Berdon and Doyle Berdon. She earned her bachelor's degree in 1987 from Marymount College in Salina, where she met her future husband. On June 16, 1990, Christine and Ted Versluys were united in marriage enjoying 32 years together.

Christine shared her passion for learning, teaching and tutoring in the Auburn-Washburn school district and Most Pure Heart of Mary School. It was at Most Pure Heart of Mary where, among her other teaching opportunities, she prepared second grade students for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their First Holy Communion. Bringing Jesus to others was so close to her heart. Christine was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Church and frequently attended Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church. She was a Minister of the Eucharist, participated in Perpetual Adoration and Ministry to the Homebound. God always came first in her life.

Christine loved her family dearly and was so proud of them. They came second only to God.

Grateful to have shared Christine's life are her husband, Ted; children, Callie Versluys (Brent Laws), Nolan Versluys (Baylee Wells), Garrett Versluys; granddaughters, Addison and Phoebe; her mother, Marianne Berdon; her father, Doyle Berdon; siblings, John Berdon (Melissa), Jim Berdon (Larry), Angie Triggs (Tim) and Cathy Berdon; and nieces and nephews. In addition to those listed, Christine has a large surviving family, her many students and treasured friends, whom she loved and impacted in ways we can only imagine.

Family will greet friends from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 20, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, followed by the rosary at 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., all at the Church. Inurnment will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Most Pure Heart of Mary School, 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](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 20. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Rosary

DEC 20. 10:30 AM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church  
3601 SW 17th Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Christine Versluys



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - December 19, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Christine Versluys



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - December 19, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ Christine Versluys

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Christine was an angel on earth and now she is an angel in heaven.....May she rest in peace. My sincere sympathy to her family.

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**Jane Moore** - December 20, 2022 at 03:06 PM

BR

“ My family has many lovely memories of Christine. She wrote “JMJ” on envelopes, notes and papers - to honor Jesus, Mary and Joseph. She designed handmade arts and crafts to commemorate First Holy Communion milestones in 2nd Grade - sewed cloth banners, cut fabric felt into shapes of grapes, a chalice and loaf of bread. She taught us how to cut several paper circles at once: Staple together corners, then with scissors - cut all shapes at once. She had a knack to bring “wonder and joy” for reading great books with children.

She sometimes wrote notes to students in swirly circles - starting from the center of a page - sentences ran in a circular pattern on a square piece of paper. Her artistic cartoons were so charming - hand drawn figures added to class prayers - so students could learn actions while praying prayers.

She had tremendous humor ... could wiggle her eyebrows to imitate Groucho Marx.

She had a God-given gift to connect with children on their level. She was a lady who serenely and quietly commanded respect, set expectations and kept order - - even when she had a Christmas Movie Day for 2nd Graders - to watch “Polar Express” and students could wear pajamas and bathrobes ... parents served hot chocolate ... we made reindeer crafts using tongue depressors & jingle bells & hot glue.

She had playful fashion sense - a flair to wear clothes. During class she called her students “friends” - not “students”. When the children left class each day, she would hug each one and say “I love you.” Her 2nd grade students made lots of paper art projects and at the end of the school year she organized an assembly line for parents to bind those into a massive “book” for each student. During the 2021-2022 school year she co-taught the Wednesday night Pre-K students at Mother Teresa Church. Very special memories of her with Addison after class ended, doing our art projects. Her love for God made our lives that much sweeter. She will be so greatly missed.

-Brenda, Dean and Julianna Reynoldson

**Brenda Reynoldson** - December 19, 2022 at 11:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christine Versluys.*



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December 19, 2022 at 10:30 AM



“ *To Ted and family, I am so sorry for your loss! Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers!*

*Dale and Karin Kirmer*

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**Dale Kirmer** - December 19, 2022 at 10:24 AM



*Ted & family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Your loss is Heavens gain.  
Pat Gervell*

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**Pat Gervell** - December 26, 2022 at 12:47 AM



“ *To Ted and family, I am so sorry for your loss! Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers!*

*Patrick McInerney*

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**Patrick McInerney** - December 18, 2022 at 04:55 PM

SN

“ *Callie, Angie & family...my heart is broken for all of you. I know Christine is having one heck of a party in heaven right now - but your loss of her earthly presence...so deeply sorry. Teaching with her was a joy. Knowing her was an even deeper joy. Peace be still.*

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**Steph Noyes** - December 18, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Christine Versluys.*



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December 18, 2022 at 10:56 AM

LT

“ *Ted and family. I am so sorry for your loss. Cherish the memories and let God be your guiding strength in the days ahead. Prayers for all.*

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**Lea Tatum-Haskell** - December 18, 2022 at 07:32 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine Versluys.*



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December 17, 2022 at 08:23 PM

JO

“ Here’s a picture of Christine guiding our son, Connor, during his Confirmation in 2021.



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**Jamie Olsen** - December 17, 2022 at 07:47 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Christine Versluys.



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December 17, 2022 at 06:46 PM

WG

“ Ward and Lori Gatza purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Christine Versluys.



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**Ward and Lori Gatza** - December 17, 2022 at 02:50 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Christine Versluys.



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December 17, 2022 at 11:04 AM

TP

“ *What a wonderful lady! Always a bright light with a beautiful smile! Teddy and G I am so sorry for your loss! She will be missed by all who knew her as she touched so many lives. I will be praying for you all for peace knowing she is in heaven where we all long to be!*



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**Terri Pease** - December 17, 2022 at 08:48 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Christine Versluys.*



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December 16, 2022 at 08:12 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Christine Versluys.*



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December 16, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christine Versluys.*



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December 16, 2022 at 02:18 PM

BM

“ Ted, Angie and family, Christine was a beautiful light to all. So sorry for your loss. Mike and Barb McNeive and family.

Barbara McNeive - December 16, 2022 at 02:06 PM

MJ

“ Melissa, Jonah, Gabe, and Jeremy purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Christine Versluys.



Melissa, Jonah, Gabe, and Jeremy - December 16, 2022 at 01:42 PM

YK

“ Your friends at Forvis KC purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Christine Versluys.



Your friends at Forvis KC - December 16, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Christine Versluys.



December 16, 2022 at 09:32 AM

SE

“ I taught with Christine & Angie at Indian Hills & those 2 sweet sisters were such dear friends & had the kindest hearts! I'll be praying for all of the family during this time of deep loss!  
-Sherry Ekstrom

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**Sherry Ekstrom** - December 15, 2022 at 10:16 PM

SD

“ Ted,  
We are sorry to hear about Christine's passing. We will be praying for you and your family during this difficult time. Scott and Barb DeWalt

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**Scott DeWalt** - December 15, 2022 at 09:44 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Christine Versluys.



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December 15, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christine Versluys.



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December 15, 2022 at 02:43 PM

JS

“ Ted and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You all are in our prayers. Joe Hoytal, Sr.

Joseph J Hoytal Sr - December 15, 2022 at 10:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christine Versluys.



December 15, 2022 at 09:49 AM

MC

“ I taught with Christine and Angie at Indian Hills Elementary. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I was so sadden to hear of her passing.  
Marilyn Campbell

Marilyn Campbell - December 15, 2022 at 09:34 AM

VT

“ Christine was the face, heart, hands, and feet of Jesus for so so many people - students and teachers alike at MPH. She is a huge part of my formation as a Catholic teacher by example and also by how much love she showed me personally. She will be so missed. All her family and loved ones are in my fervent prayer for Christ's peace at this time of her passing. May eternal light shine upon her.

Valerie Thornburg - December 15, 2022 at 08:21 AM

CM

*Christine was a very loving and kind teacher and person that was dedicated to others. She was very much loved by her students and families that she served. She had a beautiful family. She will be greatly missed.*

**Chris McGhee** - December 15, 2022 at 09:51 AM

BM

*Ted,  
My deepest condolences, may the good Lord comfort you in this time of sorrow. If there is anything you need let me know  
Brian Miller*

**Brian Miller** - December 16, 2022 at 08:32 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Christine Versluys.*



December 15, 2022 at 06:59 AM

MM

“ *Christine was ready to meet Jesus, and she lived her life as a living example of his love everyday, especially for the students she served.*

**Michelle Motsinger** - December 15, 2022 at 06:15 AM

DM

“ My sincerest sympathies and prayers to Christine’s family. She was such a loving, caring, faith-filled person. I will always remember her beautiful smile, soft spoken manner, and generous spirit. She was one of the best people I’ve ever come to know. I was incredibly blessed to work beside her at MPH M School for so many years and to be able to call her a dear friend. Christine’s love for her faith shined so bright that I know Heaven gained the most beautiful soul at her passing.

*I pray her family feels God’s loving embrace and love in the days ahead. Hugs and prayers!*

*Debbie Marks*

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**Debbie Marks** - December 15, 2022 at 01:02 AM

CS

“ Could Christine have been more wonderful, loving, caring and genuine? Nope.... My word, she will be missed. Please keep her family in your prayers.

*C Sheetz*

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**CHRISTY SHEETZ** - December 14, 2022 at 10:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Christine Versluys.*



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December 14, 2022 at 09:01 PM

MR

“*Ted, Callie, Nolan, Garrett and families,  
We were so sorry to learn of the loss of Christine. She was a beautiful example of devotion to her faith and family. We are also grateful for her impact as a teacher on our child and the countless other children's lives that she touched. She will be missed by so many.  
May those precious memories help comfort you in the days ahead. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers.  
Sincerely,  
Mark and Alice Reinert family*

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**Mark & Alice Reinert** - December 14, 2022 at 05:17 PM

LW

*We are saddened to hear of the loss of Christine. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and loved ones. She was a shining light to so many. She had such a gift to make those in her presence feel special and loved. What an example of one who lives their life with a foundation of faith. She will be missed by many, but her warmth and kindness will always be remembered. May peace be with you all.*

*Mark and Lisa Wilkerson Family*

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**Lisa Wilkerson** - December 14, 2022 at 10:37 PM

DM

*Ted - I am truly saddened you and your family are experiencing the loss of Christine. She was a beacon like no other in our faith community! May her new faith journey be met with joy and happiness and may she forever lift you and your families hearts and souls - blessings and prayers - Dwight D Menke*

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**Dwight Menke** - December 16, 2022 at 03:31 PM

TF

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Christine was a outstanding teacher and modeled her deep faith to All. We we delighted when our daughter had her as a 2nd grade teacher and 3rd grade teacher.*

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**The Monaghan Family** - December 23, 2022 at 11:43 AM