



## Donna Lardner

September 15, 1933 - December 28, 2020

Donna Louise (Eakes) Lardner joined the reunion celebration with her husband and youngest daughter, Ann Aponte, Monday, December 28, 2020.

A devoted mother, Girl Scout leader, wonderful cook, sugar cookie baker, artist, pianist, and poetry writer, Donna loved planning family gatherings, spoiling her grandchildren and Boston bull terriers.

She was born September 15, 1933, the middle daughter of Bill and Thelma Eakes.

After graduating Hayden High School, she worked for Southwestern Bell and Dr. John Cavanaugh before marrying Joseph "Buzz" Lardner at Assumption Church on June 25, 1955. She traveled with Buzz while he was in the Air Force, then helped him with Lardner Monuments and later Lardner Florist. After raising their family, they had adventures in Medjugorje, Rome, and Betania.

Survivors include her children: Diane (Chris) Westling, Kelley Lardner, Jeannie (Eddie) Fairchild, John Lardner, Jacob Lardner; brother, Beryl Wilson; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Donna's family appreciates the caring staff at Rolling Hills Care Center and Midland Hospice for their kind and compassionate care.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, December 31, 9:30 a.m. at Mater Dei Holy Name Church, 1114 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604. The rosary will be prayed at 9:00 a.m. at the Church.

Due to the pandemic, Mass will be live streamed on Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home Facebook page.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mater Dei Catholic Parish and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, 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

## Rosary

DEC 31. 9:00 AM (CT)

Mater Dei Holy Name Church  
1114 SW 10th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Lardner*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - December 29, 2020 at 03:13 PM

RO

*Beautiful Memory of your mother Jeannie. Your mother has given you things that will be with you forever. She will always be there to talk to whenever you need her also. God Bless you, Ed and your family.*

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**Ron** - December 29, 2020 at 11:23 PM

CC

*Diane, I am so sorry to hear of your moms passing. Will keep you in my prayers.*

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**Cindy Biesemeyer Old Crow** - December 30, 2020 at 04:10 PM

MH

*Diane and family, I was so sorry to hear of Donna's passing. She was a great support to my mom and the entire family over the years. I have so many fond memories of the time spent with Donna, Buzz and your whole family. You will be in my prayers.*

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**Mary Head** - December 30, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ *Donna Lardner*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

CW

“ Dear Diane and Jeannie, so sorry for the loss of your sweet and dear mom. I am so glad to have known her. She raised a amazing family and we are so glad to know them. We wish you God’s Peace and Love during this time. May God keep you in his loving care . Blessings Carla & Corey Wilson

Carla Wilson - January 01, 2021 at 04:08 PM



Thank you, Carla. Much appreciated.

Jeannie Fairchild - January 17, 2021 at 11:46 AM

MA

“ To the family; So sorry for the loss of Donna. She was a special person who I have known over 50 years. She was always a special friend to my mom and then she was always there for me. She knew she was my second mom and she always referred to me as her 4th daughter. Thank you for keeping me notified how she was doing. I prayed every night to get this virus over so I could go back to visiting her. I will always treasure the dolls she gave me over the years. The video was so beautiful. RIP my very special Donna. Love to the family.

Marcia - December 31, 2020 at 07:09 PM

JS

“ Lovely Ann will now have her parents with her and surely their presence and spirits walk with each of you every day. Wishing all family and friends peace in what has to be and beautiful memories.

Joanne Smelser

Joanne Smelser - December 31, 2020 at 03:40 PM

DB

“ *To the Lardner Family:*

*Very sorry to read of the passing of Donna. She was a beautiful kind person and very quiet. Beautiful memories of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

*Darleen Bernhardt  
Tecumseh, KS*

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**Darleen Bernhardt** - December 30, 2020 at 05:34 PM

DS

“ *Diane & family, so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother.*

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**Diana R Sutphen** - December 30, 2020 at 12:49 PM

SC

“ *Jeannie and Family,  
Thinking of you and keeping you in my prayers.  
Fondly,  
Susan Chilson*

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**Susan Chilson** - December 30, 2020 at 10:31 AM

JE

“ *Dear Diane & Family- I am very sorry to learn of your loss and am sending thoughts and prayers your way.  
Sincerely,  
Jerry Estes*

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**Jerry Estes** - December 30, 2020 at 09:34 AM

MB

“ Thoughts and Prayers to the Lardner families. I remember your Mom and Dad shopping at Eakes. Your Dad would be in the back room with Bud while your Mom would shop! God Bless!

Michael Browne - December 29, 2020 at 12:17 PM

SR

We were sorry to hear of your mom's death. She will be remembered in our prayers. She is now at peace and with Buzz.

Sisters Marjorie and Angela Rose - December 30, 2020 at 02:57 PM



Thank you so much for your kindness, Sisters. Our family's Assumption Church/School days were to be treasured--and you were a large part of that.

Jeannie Fairchild - January 01, 2021 at 10:34 AM