



Dorothy Fitzgibbons

July 9, 1933 - July 26, 2020

Dorothy F. Fitzgibbons, 87, Topeka, Kansas, passed away at her home Sunday, July 26, 2020.

Dorothy was born July 9, 1933, in Ottawa, Kansas, the daughter of Herbert and Mabel Warner Brown and graduated from Ottawa High School in 1951. In 1958, Dorothy and James J. Fitzgibbons were united in marriage, sharing 58 years together until his death April 7, 2016.

She began her clerical career with Southwestern Bell Telephone retiring more than 20 years later. Dorothy and Jim were avid travelers throughout the United States and Europe. She was a marvelous seamstress and was a KU Jayhawks and KC Chiefs fan. Dorothy was all about her family. She was a loving, caring, nurturing wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Grateful to have shared her life are her children, Cindy Collins (Ray), Sheri Buser, and Kathy Kesinger (Steve); grandchildren Becky Collins, Joe Collins (Jackie), Adam Collins (Emilie), Tyler Collins, Lauren Beemer (Daniel), Blake Buser, Amanda Kesinger, Sara Simon (Marco) and Travis Kesinger; and great-grandchildren, Kayden, Michael and Xenia Simon.

Dorothy was also preceded in death by infant twins, James Joseph and John Francis in 1962, her son, Michael Joseph in 1979 and her sister, Norma Jean

Henthorn.

Visitation will be Monday from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, where the rosary will be prayed at 10:30 and Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Inurnment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Masks and social distancing are absolutely required.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fitzgibbons Memorial Scholarship Fund at Washburn University and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Service times for Dorothy may be found here on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 and in the Topeka Capital-Journal on Wednesday.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Rosary

AUG 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Topeka, KS 66604

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy Fitzgibbons*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - August 02, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ *Dorothy Fitzgibbons*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Fitzgibbons.*



August 02, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ *Sheri, I'm sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Linda Burrell Gallaway
Seaman 1981*

Linda Gallaway - August 02, 2020 at 12:11 PM

MV

“ To the Fitzgibbons Family, we send our condolences on the lost of Dorothy a great gal. We will remember the many KU BB games we watched with Jim and Dorothy and the fun times around the pool with family and friends. May God bless you in your time of lost. The Vilanders Mike and Linda

Mike/Linda Vilander - August 02, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Fitzgibbons.



August 02, 2020 at 01:34 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy Fitzgibbons.



July 31, 2020 at 08:44 AM

EB

“ My sincere condolences to Sheri and her family. We use to do crafts together and worked together. It's been many years since we have seen each other but all are remembered fondly. I pray that the Lord surrounds you with love and strength during this difficult time. May Dorothy find peace In home of our Lord.

Eleanor Mendoza Bruch - July 30, 2020 at 11:18 AM

RH

“ To all of the family, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May the memories of Dorothy put smiles on your faces and joy in your heart. She was a very special lady that we are so blessed to have know for many years. She will be greatly missed. Hugs and prayers to all of you.



Ray & Sally Head and family.

Ray and Sally Head - July 30, 2020 at 10:28 AM

DE

“ Dorothy used to be my pool buddy at our neighborhood pool. She was beautiful inside and out. She was always so positive and a blessing to know. May God send you all peace and comfort.

*Sincerely,
Diana Dougan Enriquez*

Diana Enriquez - July 29, 2020 at 08:32 PM

CB

Dorothy and I met at the MPH Adoration Chapel as companion guardians on Tuesdays from 2 -3 pm. I haven't seen her since March when the chapel closed due to the pandemic. I am so shocked and sad to read of her passing. She was such a kind and friendly woman. I am so glad our paths crossed. My sympathy & prayers for her family! RIP sweet Dorothy 🙏🙏🙏

Cheryl Burkhart - July 30, 2020 at 08:59 PM

PS

“ Your mother, Dorothy, was such a beautiful lady, and was always so sweet to me. Always thought she and your Dad were such a lovely pair. Know she loved you all like crazy, and know she will continue to watch with love and pride as you move forward without her now. I am so sorry for this terrible loss. Blessings, friends.

Patti Van Slyke - July 29, 2020 at 05:23 PM

BR

“ To Dorothy's Family:
I am so sorry for your loss. Jim and Dorothy were our neighbors for over 16 years we had many wonderful times with them and good food prepared by Dorothy. The thing that stood out to me was their love for their family and the pride they had in them especially the grandchildren. Rest in peace Dorothy you will be missed.
Brenda and Vince Schell

Brenda - July 29, 2020 at 12:03 PM

CS

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your sweet mamma. You are all in my prayers. <3

Love,
Cheryl Schreiner-Stauffer

Cheryl L Schreiner - July 29, 2020 at 11:30 AM

MA

“ So sad for the loss of an amazing mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was such sweet and kind woman. I know she is rejoicing with Jesus in her heavenly home, reunited at last with her husband and children that have gone before her. I will be praying for God's comfort for all of you as you grieve.

Mary Lynn Almond - July 28, 2020 at 06:16 PM

DH

“ Sheri, and family, So very sorry to hear of your mom's passing on Sunday. She is now with your dad and celebrating a new life. God's peace be with all of you. Cherish your memories and one another.
Much love, Donna Harrington

Donna Harrington - July 28, 2020 at 06:00 PM

KA

“ Cindy, Sheri, Kathy and family,
We are so sorry for the loss of your beautiful mom and grandma
I know she knew how blessed she was to have such a loving and caring family!
She will live on in your traditions, carrying on her love of family.
Now she is reunited with your dad and brothers.
Love,
Kathy and family

Kathy Artzer - July 28, 2020 at 04:10 PM

DH

“ I am so sorry to learn of Dorothy's passing. She and Jim were always the best of neighbors.
Her quiet presence was always a comfort to me. How blessed she was to have had such a caring family always looking out for her. I will miss her very much.

Debbie Henning 🌹

Debbie Henning - July 27, 2020 at 06:09 PM

MV

i met dorothy at our swimming pool. she always had a smile. Whenever we met at the store she always had a hug for me. she will be greatly missed

mary valdivia - July 29, 2020 at 07:04 PM

SB

Cindy, Sheri, Kathy, and Sara & family. I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom, Mother-in-Law, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. She was such a sweet lady! Good memories and fun stories will continue with each one of you and she will live in your hearts forever! You are all in my prayers!

Sally Brooke

Sally Brooke - July 30, 2020 at 09:50 PM