



Dorothy Sheehan

August 25, 1918 - February 22, 2006

Dorothy M. Sheehan, passed away Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at her home in Topeka, KS. She was born August 25, 1918 in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Lakinger.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, James M. Sheehan, whom she married October 9, 1941, in St. Louis, MO. James died December 8, 1999. Also preceding her passing was an infant son, Edward, and daughter Alice Moser.

Dorothy is survived by seven daughters, Kathleen Sheehan, Corte Madera, CA, Mary Eileen Fitzpatrick, Independence, KS, Dorothy Goodman, Devonport, New Zealand, Jeannie Macfee, Topeka, KS, Patty Sheehan, Topeka, KS, Maureen Sheehan, Overland Park, KS, Anne Sheehan, Boulder, CO; three sons, John Sheehan, Tecumseh, KS, James Sheehan, Topeka, KS, Patrick Sheehan, Olathe, KS; and a brother Charles Lakinger, St. Louis, MO. She was a grandmother to twenty, and great-grandmother to ten.

Dorothy was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, and belonged to the Most Pure Heart Women's Fellowship and the St. Vincent's Circle. She also participated in membership of the Topeka Garden Club, Irish American Club, and Washburn Walkers. She enjoyed reading, gardening, yoga, theatre, shopping garage sales, rug making, sewing and family

activities.

Special thanks extended to Sister Ann and Father Frank of Most Pure Heart, Dr. Warrick and his Kansas Medical Clinic staff, Dr. Hoherz and his medical staff, and Heart of America Hospice.

Visitation will be Sunday, February 26, 2006 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd. Topeka, KS 66614 where a parish rosary will be prayed at 5:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, February 27, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Topeka.

Memorial contributions may be made to Most Pure Heart of Mary, Ministry to the Aging, or to the Women's Fellowship at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, 1800 SW Stone, Topeka, KS 66604.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Sheehan*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Patty, we're so sorry for the loss of your mother. We have both lost our mothers also. It doesn't matter what the age, once you've lost your parents, you feel like a orphan. The memories give comfort. Our thoughts are with you. Judy & Gary*

Judy & Gary McGinness - March 03, 2006 at 09:50 AM



“ *Sincere sympathy to the entire Sheehan Family, Mrs. Dorothy Sheehan was the nicest, sweetest lady. She also did a great job raising her children and all of us who attended MPH and Hayden. My mother, JoAnn Debacker always thought so highly of Dorothy. Growing up in the MPH area it was so wonderful to see all the ladies working together, building a church community and great neighborhoods. Thoughts and prayers to the Sheehan family, Dona DeBacker Nordstrom, and the rest of my siblings, Art DeBacker, Mike DeBacker and Jane Debacker McIntyre*

Dona DeBacker Nordstrom - February 28, 2006 at 04:22 PM

TC

“ *To the Sheehan Family,*

*I was sorry to hear of your Mother's death.
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this
time.*

Terry Cavanaugh

Terry Cavanaugh - February 27, 2006 at 11:48 AM

RF

“ *Dear Sheehan Family,*

My name is Ryan Geist and I have done yard work for Mrs Sheehan for several years. We live on the corner of 19th and Westwood so we are neighbors too. I just wanted to tell you how sorry we are for your loss. Mrs Sheehan was one of the sweetest ladies I know. She was always so kind and generous to me. She would always tell me, "Ryan, you come over whenever you can around your schoolwork and sports to collect my leaves". She followed Hayden sports. I will miss her alot. I would be glad to help the family at her house if you need anything moved etc. I have my trailer and plenty of help. We Hayden students get Service Hours for helping people and we would be glad to help Mrs Sheehans family. Our prayers are with you all. Ryan Geist and Family

Ryan Geist and Family - February 27, 2006 at 10:38 AM

MO

“ Dear Patrick and Family,
Mark and I would like to express our sincere condolences for your loss. Although we have been out of touch with you and your family for many years, there are many memories that we share - Boy Scouts and Eco-Geo to name a few. Losing a loved one is never easy. Know that we send our thoughts and prayers. Mark, Heidi, Rebecca (12) and Ryan (9). 1304 Windsor Drive, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 50613 319-266-0759 mhr2@cfu.net

Mark and Heidi (Ryan) Oberrieder - February 26, 2006 at 04:14 PM

DW

“ To all the members of the Sheehan family, we would like to express our sincere condolences for their loss. Both Dorothy and Jim were very special to us. Shortly after we moved to Topeka in 1979, we bought a house next door to them. With no family in town and few friends, they were always available to help us out, especially after the birth of our son, when Dorothy's extensive mothering experience was very helpful. We always enjoyed chatting over the fence, and never could figure out how Jim could get that corn to grow the size of oak trees! They were also gracious to invite us to share in family holiday gatherings when we were alone. After moving away, we have managed to keep in touch, especially when Dave became both Dorothy and Jim's primary care physician. We have both thoroughly enjoyed knowing them over the years. We will miss them both.

Dave & Cindy Warrick - February 26, 2006 at 08:56 AM

LB

“ Dear Jeannie, I am so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. She was such a gentle, soft-spoken and kind lady. Just like your dad. I have such fond memories of the many overnights your parents would host for a bunch of noisy young girls. Many years later, I still can't drive down 19th Street without thinking of the fun we used to have at those slumber parties and your mom always had something delicious to eat for breakfast. She will be missed.

Lannie Rohr Buford - February 25, 2006 at 02:32 PM

MK

“ Patty & Family,
I am so sorry to hear about your moms passing.
Your house was like my second home as Alice and I were inseparable growing up, as you know.
Your parents were very nice to me even though your sister and I caused alot of trouble all in the name of fun.
Recently I was in Topeka and saw your mom in the yard. I am so glad I turned around and went back to visit with her briefly.
She had the sweetest smile and will always be a fond memory of my childhood.
I will pray for you and your family,
Love ya, Mary Craney Kraft

Mary Craney Kraft - February 24, 2006 at 08:27 PM

CY

“ Dear Jeannie, Kathleen, Eenie, Dotie, Patty, Maureen, Anne, John, Jimmy and Patrick,

I was so sorry to hear about the death of your dear Mom. I know how difficult this is for you as I lost my mom years ago and still miss her greatly. Your mother has been a huge part of your lives and always will be. I will remember her fondly as a sweet, loving, kind person - always welcoming me into your home to spend the night with Jeannie. And always so gentle and patient with all of you. I remember her bringing in big bags of groceries on Sat. morning filled with bakery items that we would all start to eat immediately. She was so generous and giving. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time. Love, Cheryl Rohrs Yost

Cheryl Yost - February 24, 2006 at 04:11 PM

CG

“ Please accept my most sincere condolence to the Sheehan family for the loss of their mother.

From the age of 4 to the age of 11 years I lived in a home on Oakley Street, directly behind the Sheehan home on Warren Street. I was a lonely, only child, and painfully shy. Your parents sensed this and constantly lifted me over the fence to play in their yard and always included and encouraged me in the many activities they planned for their own children, and any of the neighborhood children who wished to participate. I have many happy memories of picnics, neighborhood talent shows and plays.

Shortly after my husband and I returned to Topeka after a 26 year absence, my father, Bill Kearney, passed away. Your parents thoughtfully attended his service. I was able to thank them for their caring and the happy memories. I will always carry them in my heart. I remain grateful for that opportunity.

My wish is that you find comfort in all the wonderful memories your parents created.

Again, my condolence and love to the Sheehan family. I hope you are all happy, healthy and still making happy memories.

Love to All,

Beth Kearney Griggs

*Carol Beth Griggs
2240 SW Miller's Glen Drive
Topeka, Kansas 66614
(785) 478-1024*

Carol Beth Griggs - February 24, 2006 at 03:12 PM

SH

“ *Patty, I am so sorry about your Mom. One of life's tough lessons is losing your Mom. I lost mine almost a year ago and life is different. Dwell on the memories and know she's at peace. She will always be in your heart & by your side. You will even notice some of the things you do or say will remind you of her. Cherish that you are carrying a part of her with you. With love-Sherry*

Sherry Hensley - February 24, 2006 at 12:03 PM

CM

“ *to the sheehan family, I have so many memories of your mom and all of your family while growing up, she had so much patience with Patty and me when i would stay over. i remember the time patty and i made donuts and it got out of hand and she stayed so calm that time and all of our other cooking adventures. she was and always will be a very special person to me. cathy*

cathy hermann madl - February 24, 2006 at 09:33 AM

JW

“ *Dear Sheehans,*

I am so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. She was a special woman. I always enjoyed chatting with her when I visited my parents. We could not have imagined a better neighbor and friend. My mom is really going to miss her yoga buddy.

*All our best,
Juli, Doug, Ethan, Isaac*

Juli Warren-Ward - February 23, 2006 at 05:40 PM