



Edith Kuhn

September 5, 1923 - March 31, 2023

Edith Clarene Fowler Kuhn, 99, Topeka, Kansas, beloved mother, grandmother and friend, died Friday, March 31, 2023, at Stormont Vail Hospital.

Edith was born September 5, 1923, in Horatio, Arkansas, the daughter of LeRoy Joseph Fowler and Maggie Elizabeth Shafer Fowler Arthur, and came to Topeka as a young child. As a 17 year old high school student she met a neighbor, Elmer Aloysius Kuhn. After she graduated from Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing, she and Elmer were married September 11, 1944, and sealed for time and eternity May 21, 2009.

They reared four children on Scotland Avenue in the same block where they met. She remained in that house for 64 years until she moved to Atria West in 2014.

Throughout Edith's years of nursing, she worked at all Topeka hospitals and in the late '40s and early '50s was present at many births where she was known to her colleagues and new mothers as "Jo."

Edith was a devoted wife and mother and delighted in her three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She served as an ambassador at Atria, welcoming new residents and befriending all she met. Many family and friends

have, as a cherished possession, a letter or short note of love, encouragement and appreciation that was written by Edith. It was not unusual for her to start with the words, "Dear one."

Edith was a faithful and ardent member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She was baptized on September 26, 1931, when she was 8 years old. At the time of her passing, she had been a faithful member of the church longer than any other person in the Topeka, Kansas Stake – 92 years. She served in many church callings including Relief Society President, Sunday School teacher, and Primary teacher.

Edith is survived by her daughters, Karen E. Zeller of Arkansas City, KS, and Anne Kuhn of Topeka; sons, Michael S. (Alice) Kuhn and James D. (Lou) Kuhn, both of Topeka; grandchildren, Sarah E. Zeller (Richard) Swantner, Rapid City, SD, Scott M. (Rita) Kuhn, St. Paul, MN, and Paul V. (Jaime) Kuhn, Fort Worth, TX; great-grandchildren, Stella and Henry Kuhn of Fort Worth, TX; and nephews, Patrick and David Fowler of Northern CA.

She was pre-deceased by her spouse, parents, stepfather, David G. Arthur, and brother, Loren Leo Fowler, San Francisco, CA.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka, KS, 66614. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday, April 7, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 3611 SW Jewell, Topeka, KS 66611. Burial at Mount Calvary Cemetery will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are encouraged to LDS Humanitarian Aid or Midland Care Hospice, sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Funeral Service

APR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
3611 SW Jewell
Topeka, KS 66611

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edith Kuhn



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 04, 2023 at 07:44 PM

AM

my sweet sweet edith. we are all going to miss you so much at Atria. Your smile made my day. Love you always. Amy B.

AMY - April 06, 2023 at 08:54 AM



She was an amazing lady. Always so caring and genuine. While I was serving in Thailand as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints she would mail a weekly handwritten letter to me with encouragement and sweet little updates of what was happening back home. I still have all her letters stored away and appreciate her for them.

Lawrence Wortham - April 06, 2023 at 09:55 PM

KC

This special lady was the first person to greet and hug when I moved into the ward in Topeka on 1993. Years later we carpoled to the temple together once a week for several years. I so loved her and enjoyed her sweet friendship. ❤️

Kathleen H Chatterton - April 08, 2023 at 01:19 PM

HK

i loved you grandma i hope your doing good up there

henry kuhn - January 17, 2024 at 03:26 PM

KR

“ It was today I heard of Edith's passing. She is one of the shining lights and examples in my life. Grateful for her friendship to me. Blessings on her family.
Love, Kay Rytting

Kay Rytting - April 08, 2023 at 12:38 AM

VC

“ Edith always had a smile and said such nice things to us. She always told us how sweet our family is. That always made us so happy! We could always see that her focus was on others around her and how she could help someone with a smile and kind words. Her testimony of Jesus Christ and His gospel always impressed us. We are grateful that we got to hear that testimony! We look forward to seeing her again some day!

Our condolences to her family. She will be missed!

Virgil and Amanda Cane

Virgil Cane - April 07, 2023 at 01:15 PM

CC

“ I was so lucky to have this lovely lady as my next door neighbor. She was always such a caring lovely woman to me and my family.

cheryl Browne Crow - April 07, 2023 at 11:27 AM

CW

“ Condolences to the family. Edith was a sweet, sweet soul. I was privileged to have known her my whole life. She was always Aunt Edith to me. She will be missed by all !!! 🙏



Charlene Workman - April 06, 2023 at 07:11 PM

RS

“ *Edith was a great, gentle lady. We will all miss her. Sr Roberta Stadler*

Roberta Stadler - April 06, 2023 at 04:25 PM

KW

“ *Thank you.*

Kathy Wilson - April 06, 2023 at 04:18 PM

JL

“ *Our Leiker family on Scotland Street in Oakland were blessed to be close friends with the Kuhn family. Growing up there, I will never forget Edith's big, sweet smile when she saw us and how gentle and kind she was to us over the years. She was an angel on earth helping so many people sharing her love, laughter & caring encouragement. May she now rest in the light, love & peace of God forever. We love you Edith & the Kuhn family* 🍷🙏🍷

Jim Leiker - April 06, 2023 at 03:26 PM

AH

“ *Such a sweet lady. She will be missed.*

Allyson Haldeman - April 05, 2023 at 09:19 PM

SS

“ *Edith was a ray of light to all who knew her. Her love was given to all, especially to new friends. Sending hugs and prayers to her family for your loss. She will be missed. Heaven gained another angel.*

Sharon Springstead - April 05, 2023 at 06:54 PM

CR

“ Edith was a wonderful friend to all who knew her. She always had an encouraging word. She was full of love and gave it easily. She is very well known for her letters and notes of thanks and encouragement. She will be missed by many. Christy Ramsey

Christy L Ramsey - April 05, 2023 at 03:54 PM

BA

“ Oh, how happy we are that she is now with Jesus and her honey... Elmer..
Edith and I talked about heaven often. We believed that any souls that we loved or helped or prayed for during our time on earth would be waiting to greet us when we arrive...I just know she is probably still greeting souls in her reception line in heaven !!
I also believe that my dear Mama...Louise Schmidtlein was one of the first in line to greet her...Edith was my Mama's nurse when she was in labor for 30+ hours with her first born child...me !! She told me how we both almost didn't make it....She prayed with Mom and held her hand during that scary time.
She was the first person to hold me in my lifeand the reason I am sure ...
That I am such a hugger !!!

Edith, my heart aches so much that we will not be able to receive your hugs and your smile ...our visits will be treasured in our hearts forever..
As we always said in parting...
Pray for me ...and I for thee...until we merrily meet in eternity...
Love you so much my other angel Mama.

Steve and Barbie

Barbie - April 05, 2023 at 11:03 AM

BR

“ God bless your family. Edith was very good to us.

Barb and Greg Reser - April 05, 2023 at 05:35 AM

KB

“ Edith will always and forever be my night owl, working on puzzles late at night and talking with me.

Kelli Bouton - April 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM

GE

*Edith represented all of the beautiful pictures of nature in her video. She also was all about family which she shared that love for family with each of her children and grandchildren. I was fortunate to have know her and enjoyed all my phone visits with her. Although she will leave a large hole in her family, she is at rest with her Lord now.
George Ann Eaks*

George ann Eaks - April 05, 2023 at 11:47 PM

MH

Anne Kuhn, sorry to hear of your Mother's passing May she rest in peace, and may eternal light shine upon her.I went to grade school with you at Sacred Heart, and high school at Hayden with you. My prayers are with you and your siblings and family's. May God grant you peace at your Mother's loss.

Mike Herman

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Michael Herman - April 14, 2023 at 06:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Edith Kuhn.



April 04, 2023 at 10:28 PM