



## Elida Gibbons

April 22, 1930 - April 26, 2021

Elida Ann Gibbons, 91, formerly of Topeka, Kansas, passed away Monday, April 26, 2021, at Santa Marta Retirement Center in Olathe, Kansas.

Elida was born April 22, 1930, in Trinidad, Colorado to Rudolph and Gertrude Coley DeRouen. She graduated from Trinidad High School, attended Trinidad State Junior College and Colorado University at Boulder before completing her degree at Washburn University, Topeka. In June of 1951, Elida and Albert Joseph "Bud" Lamden, DDS were united in marriage. To this union three children were born, Mark, Lori and Thomas. Mr. Lamden passed away in 1962. Seven years later, Elida and Edward Francis Gibbons were married. He passed away in 2010.

Elida was a long-time member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish. She taught second grade at Gage Elementary School and later worked parttime in the admissions office of Washburn University.

Elida was a devout Catholic with unshakable faith. She was a joy to be around, loved family deeply, and had eyes that twinkled with her plentiful laughter and smiles.

Grateful to have shared Elida's life are her son, Mark J. Lamden, ND and spouse, Elizabeth Ordas; her daughter, Lori Lamden Roop; grandchildren,

John Avi Roop and Miles Joseph Lamden; great-grandchildren, Rocco Thomas Roop and Indra Annabelle Roop; and her brother, Joseph R. DeRouen.

Elida was also preceded in death by her son, Thomas John Lamden, her brother, Fr. Robert DeRouen, SJ and her sister, Adele Benter.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 14, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church where the rosary will be prayed at 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 a.m. at the Church. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers and in memory of Elida's son Thomas, memorial contributions are suggested to TARC and Sheltered Living or to Most Pure Heart of Mary Ministry to the Aging and all 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

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Rosary

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## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elida Gibbons*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - May 11, 2021 at 03:32 PM



*Thank you Mary!*

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**Lori Roop** - May 12, 2021 at 03:14 PM



“ *Elida Gibbons*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

KR

“ It was my pleasure caring for Elida in recent times. She had such a lovely disposition and maintained mental sharpness and attention to detail. She enjoyed the simple things in life. As I read her obituary I am so touched by her devout Catholic faith. May God and the Blessed Mother pour down their graces on her family in this time. It is apparent what good care you provided for her. She had a gentle heart and I always looked forward to our telehealth visits. I will miss them as I am now back from maternity leave. I gave birth to my son on April 14, 2021. Jack Joseph Rutkowski. We chose the middle name Joseph due to Pope Francis's declaration of 2021 as the "year of St. Joseph". A strong patriarch and beautiful representation of striving to be a holy family.

*Please know I am thinking of you all,  
Kate Rutkowski, Cardiology Nurse Practitioner  
knewman2@kumc.edu*

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**Kate Rutkowski** - August 27, 2021 at 01:41 PM

JO

“ I met Elida on 3 occasions when she came out to Washington state to visit her son Mark and his family. I very much enjoyed talking with her - she was most gracious. The fact that she could do Sudoku puzzles and I could not, and I was almost 20 yrs. younger than she, well, that was impressive. On two of the 3 occasions she came out at Christmas time. Both times we had a lovely meal on Christmas Eve, and afterwards, exchanged small gifts. One Christmas, Miles and I accompanied her to Midnight Mass (at 9:00 pm!). Christmas Day was jigsaw puzzle time and we all worked on it at one time or another for most of the day. I had to leave before she got back on a plane to Kansas (by herself, no less) but truly enjoyed the time I did get to spend with her. Once she got back home, she emailed(!) me a Thank You for the gift I had given her. A classy lady, indeed.

Jan Ordos  
Lacey, WA

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Jan Ordos - May 12, 2021 at 01:38 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elida Gibbons.



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May 11, 2021 at 03:32 PM

MH

“ My parents thought the world of Elida. She was a part of their close circle of friends who created many wonderful memories together.

*My memories of Elida as I grew up were that she was kind, warm and welcoming (and always had a smile on her face).*

*Mike Hassur*

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**Mike Hassur** - May 11, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Elida Gibbons.



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May 10, 2021 at 01:38 PM

KM

“ My heart goes out to my good friends, Mark and Lori, on your loss. Your Mom, Elida, was the best and you were blessed to have her so long. Spending so much time at Mark's, I imagine that Elida made hundreds of lunches for me. She was so thoughtful and caring. When Mark and I were camping in his backyard, a storm came up in the night and blew our tent down. We were soaked. Elida got up in the middle of the night and made sure we had dried off and made a bed for me. We were warm, dry, and asleep in minutes thanks to Elida. She was a really cool lady, too. The first stereo and Beatles album I ever saw belonged to Elida. Rubber Soul. Bless her soul.

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**Ken Maydew** - May 08, 2021 at 03:36 PM

ND

“ *Elida was a gracious and cheerful woman. During the Ward Parkway years in the 1950s and 1960s she warmly welcomed neighborhood children into her home to play with Mark and Lori. She was like a second mother to me, offering encouragement, love, and words of wisdom. I have great memories of Elida, Lori, my mother (Ona Maydew), and I making trips to Kansas City to shop. We often laughed so hard we couldn't stop. The same group plus Mark and my brother Ken went to the 1968 HemisFair in San Antonio. What fun we had! I am grateful to have known Elida so well and will miss her. My deepest condolences to Mark and Lori.*

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**Nancy Maydew Dixon** - May 07, 2021 at 03:56 PM

MH

“ *My mother in law, Evelyn Holmes and Elida became good friends while living at Santa Marta. Fo the past four years while visiting I had the privilege of getting to know Elida. I enjoyed her smile, her wisdom and positive outlook on life. I am forever grateful for her friendship with my mother in law. We will both miss her greatly. May she Rest In Peace.*

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**Maryjo Holmes** - May 04, 2021 at 01:43 PM

BM

“ My heartfelt sympathy to Lori and Mark and all the family members in the passing of Elida. I treasure my long-term friendship with Elida over the years, first meeting her when I began working as a speech-pathologist with Ed Gibbons as my boss at The Capper Foundation in Topeka. I had the pleasure of continuing to visit Elida at Santa Marta and share greetings and updates with her during phone calls. I remember Elida's faithful grace and kindness--and I was charmed, as we all have been, by her signature frequent, gentle, and happy laughter during every conversation. During our visits she shared her delight and love for Mark and Lori, Miles and Avi, Rocco and Indra, and all of her family.

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**Barry Molineux** - May 03, 2021 at 04:59 PM

CS

“ Elida was a dear friend & neighbor of many years. I'll always remember the wonderful times that six neighbor couples celebrated all 12 birthdays together each year. After Ed passed Elida & I did some social things together. I loved her smile & innocence. We laughed a lot. Her move to KC was so good for her, but sad for her neighbors in Topeka. My thoughts, love, & prayers go to Mark & Lori & their families.  
Carol Smith

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**Carol Smith** - May 02, 2021 at 11:26 PM

SB

“ Mrs Gibbons was my second grade teacher many years ago at Gage Elementary. I remember her smile and her fashionable style.

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**Stephanie Siebert Brinker** - May 02, 2021 at 05:29 PM

RU

“ I met your mother through Ed and Topeka South Rotary Club. Elida was a wonderful lady and I always enjoyed visiting with her at various Rotary functions as well as other community events. I remember several of us Rotarians going to her home in Topeka sometime after Ed's passing to sing Christmas Carols to her and seeing that sparkle in her eyes and smile. Please accept my condolences. She will be missed. Roger Underwood

Roger Underwood - May 02, 2021 at 05:26 PM

ES

“ From all of us at Capper Foundation, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Ed and Elida were very special people.



Edie Smith - April 30, 2021 at 03:14 PM

Gale  
Wise

“ Mark, I never knew your mother very well, but wanted to express my condolences to you and Lori. Lots of love; Gale Arkenberg - Wise

Gale Wise - April 29, 2021 at 11:33 PM