



Evalyn "Evy" Self

November 17, 1951 - August 25, 2025

Evalyn "Evy" LeAnne Erdman Self, age 73, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away Monday morning, August 25, 2025, at Midland Care Hospice House after a valiant battle with cancer. She was born November 17, 1951, the daughter of LaVerne Roy "Erky" Erdman and Elizabeth Fern Barnes Melvin.

Evy was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Cindy Alejos and brother, David Erdman.

Evy attended Hayden High School and graduated from Topeka High School in 1969. She met the man of her dreams, Rickey "Rick" Reed Self, after he returned from Vietnam. They married on June 14, 1972, enjoying over 53 years together. He survives.

She is also survived by her two sons, Jayson Self (Jennifer) and Jared Self (April); grandchildren, Savannah Barnes (Brady), Channing Self, Ellowynn White (Martayvian), Samuel Self; and four great-grandchildren, Leona, Bryxlee, Brody and Maelynn; her stepmother, Clara Erdman; four sisters, Neet O'Connor, Joey Erdman, Deanna Danielson (Denise), Audrey Danielson (Chuck); two brothers, Bruce Danielson (Lora) and Jon Erdman; along with numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and so many friends whom she would call family.

Evy worked for the people; if something needed handling, she would figure out a way to get it done. This was true from her early work at Wicher's Photography to Stormont-Vail Healthcare, over 20 years at St. Francis, and lastly to the service of numerous veterans at the Colmery O'Neil Veterans Administration in Topeka, where she retired.

Evy had a gift of caring for others, and she was exceptional at it. Whether making meals for family and friends when they came by, giving the gift of time to listen or shop, or for just loving on you when having you were having a hard time in life, she was there. In her spare time, she loved to shop, craft and crochet blankets.

Visitation will be Tuesday, September 2, 2025, from 5-7 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. A Celebration of Evy's Life will be Wednesday, September 3, at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Midland Care Hospice House, sent in care of the funeral home.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 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

Celebration of Life

SEP 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Evalyn "Evy" Self



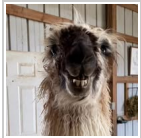
Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - August 29, 2025 at 03:52 PM

AL

“ I loved Evy. She was like a mother to me. She was beautiful and had a mind like a whip, she was funny and stern and to know her was to love her.

I will never forget Evy. A true class act that I treasured.

Amanda Long - November 17, 2025 at 11:08 PM



“ I met Evy in 1990 when I began working with her husband, Rick. We only interacted a few times over the years, but, I still found her to be a funny and warm person. I wish her family condolences.

Robin Cremer - September 03, 2025 at 04:27 PM

DW

“ I worked with Evy at St Francis. She was a special lady and would be there for you in a heartbeat if needed. My favorite memory of Evy is when my great nephew was little she used to tell him that his freckles were angel kisses. Now his mother tells his daughter this. To Evy’s family you were her world. I am praying for all of you during this difficult time.

Debbie White - August 31, 2025 at 03:54 PM

AK

“ I met Evy in high school in the '60s. We were very close friends and stayed in touch. I loved her very much and my heart is broken. Rest peacefully sweet lady. I'll see you later ~XO~

Anita Klingbeil - August 31, 2025 at 10:39 AM

AM

“ Me and Evy had been friends for 24 years. We were co-workers and good friends, sharing good times at work and she was there for me when I got married in 2000, doing my hair and makeup, and did my wedding invitations in her beautiful handwriting. She was an amazing lady, with a heart of gold. She was a warrior against cancer and fought with everything she had. We'll miss you dear Evy, but I know I'll see you again when I get to my forever home. Prayers to Rick, Jayson, Jarod and all the family during this time.

Anna Munns - August 30, 2025 at 08:56 PM

KF

“ *Kandi, Brian Gigous and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Evalyn "Evy" Self.*



Kandi, Brian Gigous and Family - August 30, 2025 at 07:43 PM

AS

“ *Heartbreaking to hear of Evy's passing. She holds such a special place in my heart, but isn't that what Evy did to everyone who met her? My 3 girls were all snuggled as babies in the beautiful pink blankets that Evy made for them. The world feels a bit empty tonight.*
Annette Steuart

Annette Steuart - August 30, 2025 at 12:13 AM

GH

“ *Gina Hunt sent a virtual gift in memory of Evalyn "Evy" Self*



Gina Hunt - August 29, 2025 at 07:14 PM

DJ

“ *Dana Johnson lit a candle in memory of Evalyn "Evy" Self*



Dana Johnson - August 29, 2025 at 08:00 AM

DD

“ Deanna and Denise purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Evalyn "Evy" Self.



Deanna and Denise - August 28, 2025 at 05:50 PM

AA

“ I first met Evy at the Topeka VA hospital where we worked together for a number of years before she retired. Many days during work we would talk and laugh. I always enjoyed our conversations. She had a heart of gold and always . The love she had for her friends and family is unmatched! She will be missed here. Prayers for all of her family and friends which they were her world!

Ashley Ashford - August 28, 2025 at 12:06 PM

DO

“ Jayson: You will always remember the unconditional love of your mother. That's a memory that will live on forever. Hold those memories near and dear to your heart. Please accept my heartfelt condolences to you and your family during this sad time.

Don O'Dell - August 28, 2025 at 07:48 AM

DB

“ I first met Evy at St Francis hospital when I worked on the floor , then worked with her at the Va in dermatology clinic she was fun to work with very friendly she will be missed.

Debra Bahret - August 28, 2025 at 12:55 AM

RW

“ Prayers are for the family. She had a long battle with the cancer. Her family was always close by. I went to school with Evy and Ray grew up with Rick and Nick. Long time friends and shared many memories over the years.

Ray and Patty Wadkins - August 27, 2025 at 08:02 PM

SL

“ Although we never worked directly with each other at St. Francis we fast became good friends. I remember her genuine kindness, for all she came into contact with. Evy, you are going to be missed by so many, but I will keep you in my heart always. Holding on to all the good times we shared at table in the cafeteria and helping you celebrate Retirement and 50 years of marriage. Thanks for being such a sweet and caring friend.

Steven Leonard - August 27, 2025 at 06:41 PM

BR

Rick and family. Rick I've known you for a long long time seems like forever. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. Thinking of you. Brenda

Brenda Richardson - August 27, 2025 at 09:39 PM

DH

Evy Loved Those Little Boston Terriers. Your Family is in Our Thoughts and Prayers.

Diane Henderson - August 29, 2025 at 12:53 PM

TF

Thoughts & Prayers from the Doug, Troy Flair and TFMComm family.

Troy Flair - September 02, 2025 at 02:54 PM

RL

There are no words to express the significance of your loss. Just know that you are not ever alone. Praying for you.

Ron Linder-

Ron Linder - September 03, 2025 at 05:26 PM