



## Evelyn Bernica

July 29, 1930 - January 17, 2022

Evelyn L. Schneider Bernica, 91, Topeka, Kansas, passed into the arms of Our Lord Monday, January 17, 2022.

Evelyn was born July 29, 1930, at home in Nortonville, Kansas, to Charles William and Ida Oleva Good Schneider. She was a member of St. Joseph Church, attended St. Joseph Grade School and graduated from Nortonville High School.

On August 21, 1954, Evelyn and Robert “Bob” Bernica were united in marriage. Bob was in the Air Force and the couple was stationed at several bases before settling down in Topeka in 1959. Bob preceded Evelyn in death on February 22, 2007.

The Bernicas lived across the street from Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church for 52 years. Evelyn served as librarian, room mother, PTO President, Scout Leader, Great Books facilitator, lunch lady, funeral coordinator, and member of the Daughters of Isabella; the church and school were integral parts of the family’s day to day lives. Evelyn also served at Let’s Help, drove cancer patients to treatments, and assisted others in the community. For many years, she lovingly managed the Westwood Apartments, caring for her tenants like family.

Evelyn's life revolved around her faith and her precious family; and she loved babies!

Grateful to have shared Evelyn's life are her children, Vicki Fulmer and husband, Ed, Topeka; Greg Bernica and wife, Liz, Houston; Cynthia Sabatini and husband, Mike, Leawood; Susan Bernica, Leawood; and Mary Jones and husband, Matt, Dallas; ten grandchildren, Teresa (Bret), Brian (Crystal) and Adam Burnett, Joey (Jessica), Tim (fiancé, Claire Davis) and Annie Bernica, Mara and Anna Sabatini, Catherine and Luke Jones; six great-grandchildren, Kyler, Logan, Charlie, Rusti, Oliver and Henry; siblings, Elizabeth Coleman (Tom), Valley Falls, Ralph Schneider, Mound City and Patrick Schneider (Jean) Rossville; sisters-in-law, Neva Schneider (who passed away shortly after Evelyn), Charlotte, Bonnie Schneider, Topeka and Terri Schneider, Atchison; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Evelyn was also preceded in death by her parents, and siblings, Kenneth, Harold, Richard, Dale, Jack and Mary Elaine Schneider, Linda Talley (Lloyd); and Charles, Ellen and Edgar Schneider; and sister-in-law, Leota Schneider.

The family is grateful to all those at Lexington Park for their loving care. They are so touched by the love, prayers and support they are receiving from friends and extended family.

Due to the pandemic, Mass of Christian Burial will be private for the immediate family only but will be livestreamed on Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home Facebook page at 1 p.m. on Friday, January 21. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, Topeka or St. Joseph Church, Nortonville, and 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

# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Evelyn Bernica



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - January 19, 2022 at 04:37 PM

CB

*To all of you, wonderful family- know that your mother is in our prayers as she now sits with our Lord and Bob. Evelyn was a beautiful soul, especially reveling in babies. When I brought my tiny young grandbaby to see her the first time, she could not get enough looking and holding and exclaiming how she loved babies. What a treat for me to watch. I will never forget her face that afternoon.*  
*Colette Bernica*

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**Colette Bernica** - January 19, 2022 at 07:34 PM

PM

*To Greg and all the Bernica Family,  
Your mom treated every child who came into her house as if they were her own. Love, acceptance, and corrections were always there along with affection. I cannot count the number of hours I spent there st 17th & Lakeside after school just being happy. Your mother was always there after school, helping at school, with scout projects, girl scouts, and all the other things we managed to become involved in. She was a great lady and the world has been a better place for her passing through our lives.*  
*Pat McGuire*

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**Pat McGuire** - January 20, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ Evelyn Bernica

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Mary & Family, Sorry to read of your Mother's passing. I enjoyed your days playing for the Steelers We extend our Thoughts and Prayers to you and your family. God's Blessings to you Mary. The Bybee's, Jack & Angie.

Jack Bybee - January 23, 2022 at 01:37 PM



“ What a mom and what an aunt! One of my earliest memories in life involves traveling from kc to Topeka and although grandpa and grandma were always fun to visit, the best part was almost always visiting our cousins (and shooting the jayhawk signs with our fingers on the way). Aunt Evelyn was always like a second mom. My absolute first embarrassing memory (maybe first time I ever shared this but time is very fitting) was one nite when all of us kids were staying the nite and tearing thru the house in a game of tag or something. I think I had to wear my big cousin Greg's shorts as we had a long day of playing outside. Tearing thru the house I got stopped in my tracks with aunt Evelyn grabbing my hands and making one of those mom screams (something like oh my heavens). She dragged me to a bedroom and made me put some underwear on as I think those loose big cousin shorts were showing something they shouldn't. I guess that is when I figured out boys and girls were a bit different :). Don't know why I remember that so vividly but I know my aunt was the awesome mom. Many amazing memories with our families. Aunt Evelyn and uncle Bob, you will be missed but so happy you left such an awesome legacy, memories, and footprint behind.

dave weishar - January 21, 2022 at 09:01 PM

EB

“ To the Evelyn and Bob Bernica Family

*I just watched Evelyn's service, what a beautiful event. As I was growing up in Topeka I got to know Evelyn very well. I remember her putting a bandage on my big toe and iodine on scraped elbow. She was always there to lend a helping hand especially to my mom, your grandmother. I will always remember her loving, selfless kindness.*

*Ed Bernica*

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**Ed Bernica** - January 21, 2022 at 03:07 PM

DW

“ Aunt Evelyn was so kind and welcoming to us and the rest of our Weishar family. Always smiling when we would get together through the years. She will be missed but always remembered. God rest her soul. She is now at peace with God and loved ones who passed before her. Doug and Mary Jane Weishar

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**Doug and Mary Jane Weishar** - January 21, 2022 at 02:20 PM

MV

“ To the Bernica Family,  
*I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Bernica's passing. I was a tenant at Westwood Apartments when she managed them. She treated the tenants as one of her own. A very loving and caring person. My condolences to the family. Marie Valdivia*

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**Marie Valdivia** - January 19, 2022 at 11:30 PM

BD

“ Sue, Cindy and family, so sorry about the loss of your mother. Sending prayers of thanks for a life well lived. Thinking of you and your families.  
Barb DeWalt (Tinsley)

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**Barb DeWalt** - January 19, 2022 at 10:58 PM

DC

“ Cindy and family - I was so sorry to learn of your Mom's passing. I remember her as our Jr. Great Books and Girl Scout leader at Most Pure Heart, but mostly I recall how kind and sweet she was whenever you invited me to your house. I'm so glad she enjoyed a long life, surrounded by a large and loving family. May she rest in eternal peace and glory!❤️

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**Dana Carney** - January 19, 2022 at 08:27 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Evelyn Bernica.



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January 19, 2022 at 07:32 PM

CC

“ Vicky & family, Sorry to hear about the death of your mom. She was a very nice woman and dedicated to her family. She always remembered your name no matter when and where she saw you. I will miss your mom's smile and hugs. May God hold your mom in his arms and enjoy her everlasting life with her husband Bob. Vicki and family remember all the good times you had with your mom and may that carry you all in your lives. You mom and your family are in my prayers.

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**Cathy (Rardin) Colpitts** - January 19, 2022 at 04:29 PM

JL

“ Vicki & Family, Our condolences go out to you on the loss of your mother. Mom's are such an integral part of our lives. Evelyn served so many in a variety of ways. She gave us all an example to emulate. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless!

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**Jerry & Anna Marie Lammers** - January 19, 2022 at 11:11 AM

CL

“ Sorry to read about the loss of your mother. She and Bob were so kind to my family at Hoyt (Kellys). Blessings to all of you.

*Carolyn (Kelly) Lillie*

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**Carolyn Lillie** - January 19, 2022 at 08:59 AM

FR

“ Cindy, Sue and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you for your Mom. May God hold you in his arms and give you strength and welcome your Mom into heaven. Love,  
Felipe & Jackie Rangel

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**Felipe Rangel** - January 19, 2022 at 08:10 AM

BA

“ I had the pleasure of being a tenant at Westwood Apartments when Evelyn was the Manager. She was so kind and caring and treated everyone so well. I felt blessed to know her. Bonnie Alcalá



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**Bonnie Alcalá** - January 19, 2022 at 01:09 AM

RS

“ To the Bernice Family,  
Your Mom was such a wonderful lady and a good friend. She always had a lovely smile and encouraging words. May you be comforted by beautiful memories.

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**Rick Strecker** - January 18, 2022 at 10:19 PM

JL

“ Sue, my heart goes out to you and your family. Your mom's love and dedication to her family, church, and community are a testament to her beautiful life of service. May your memories of her bring you comfort and peace.  
Love, Jane Latty

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**Jane Latty** - January 18, 2022 at 09:32 PM

RW

“ I am so sorry about your Mom, Vicki. It is so hard to lose your Mom. This I know. May your memories help you and your family through the days ahead. Prayers for each one of you.  
Love, Rosie

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**Rose Mary Whitford** - January 18, 2022 at 09:14 PM

CG

“ *Cindy and family,*

*I'm so sorry to hear about your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Cindy Collier Gibbs*

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**cindy gibbs** - January 18, 2022 at 07:44 PM

JH

“ *We were so lucky to be have Bob and Evelyn as neighbors and friends. We enjoyed visiting Evelyn and taking het Communion. COVID did not allow us to visit her more and we certainly were sorry for that. Extending our sympathy to the entire family. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Joe and Janice Hoytal*

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**Janice Hoytal** - January 18, 2022 at 07:22 PM