



## Genitha Clark

July 29, 1932 - March 22, 2022

Genitha Lucille Farrell Clark, 89, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

She was born on the family farm in Bigelow, Kansas on July 29, 1932, the daughter of Stephen and Mary Farrell. Bigelow no longer exists due to the construction of Tuttlecreek Reservoir.

Genitha graduated from Blaine Rural High School in 1950 in a class of four, and then received her diploma from St. Joseph School of Nursing from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska in 1953.

Later she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Washburn University, Master's Degree in Education from Kansas State University, Master's Degree in Mental Health from University of Kansas, and PhD. in Nursing Education from Kansas State University.

Genitha worked in Mental Health at Topeka State Hospital. She had the opportunity to meet Margaret Mead and Anna Freud when they lectured at Menninger's as well as Dr. Kubler-Ross.

She worked at Menninger's as a psychiatric nurse and taught for Newman Hospital School of Nursing of Emporia in Topeka. She was the Director of

Nursing at the Kansas Neurological Institute (K.N.I.). Genitha received a letter from the Saudi Arabian Embassy offering her a job at Sahara Hospital in Taif, Saudi Arabia. She spent a year at the only Psych hospital in Saudi (March 1983 to February 1984). She was an Associate Professor for St. Mary of the Plains College and Baker University School of Nursing at Stormont-Vail.

Genitha was a supporter of the Civic Symphony and Community Concert, as well as a Hospice volunteer. She was a member of the Red Hat Society.

Genitha loved knitting, crocheting, quilting, reading, sewing, music, woodcarving, needlework, and painting. She was a Master Gardener and enjoyed traveling. Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England, Russia, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Greece, Crete, Rhodes, and Thailand are a few of the countries she visited.

On August 1, 1953, Genitha married Paul Lambert Clark at St. Columbkil Church in Blaine. They moved to Wichita, Kansas where Paul was stationed at McConnell Air Force Base and lived there until 1956 when Paul was transferred to Ashiya Air Force Base in Japan. They returned to Topeka in 1959.

Genitha is survived by her children, Pam (Ken) Metzger of Topeka and Sandy (Paul) Cortez II of Whitman, Massachusetts; her grandchildren, Valerie (Aaron) Phipps of Kansas City, Missouri, Kyle Metzger and Camrond Jacobs of Topeka, and Ciara Cortez of Whitman, Massachusetts; great-grandchildren, Brody, Caitlin, Blake, and Bowen Phipps of Kansas City, Missouri.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Paul Lambert Clark and daughter Cindy, both of her parents, siblings, Maxine Winkler, Ilene Farrell, Charles (Bud) Farrell, and two siblings who passed away in childhood.

The Rosary will be prayed at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 27, 2022, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, KS 66614, with visitation to follow until 3 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, March 28, 2022, at Mater Dei Holy Name Catholic Church, 1114 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66604.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Topeka Rescue Mission, PO Box 8350, Topeka KS 66608 or Mater Dei Holy Name Catholic Church, 911 SW Clay Street, Topeka KS 66606.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Cemetery

Lillis, KS

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAR 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

MAR 27. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

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MAR 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mater Dei Holy Name Church  
1114 SW 10th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

## Committal Service

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MAR 28. 2:00 PM.

St. Joseph's Cemetery  
Lillis, KS

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Genitha Clark*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - March 25, 2022 at 05:45 PM



“ *Genitha Clark*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Genitha and my mom, Jeannine Tatum were friends for many many years. I have fond memories of them together and hearing their stories of travel and their careers through the years. I'm sorry for your loss and I know my mom would be too if she were still with us.*

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**Lea Tatum-Haskell** - March 29, 2022 at 08:54 AM

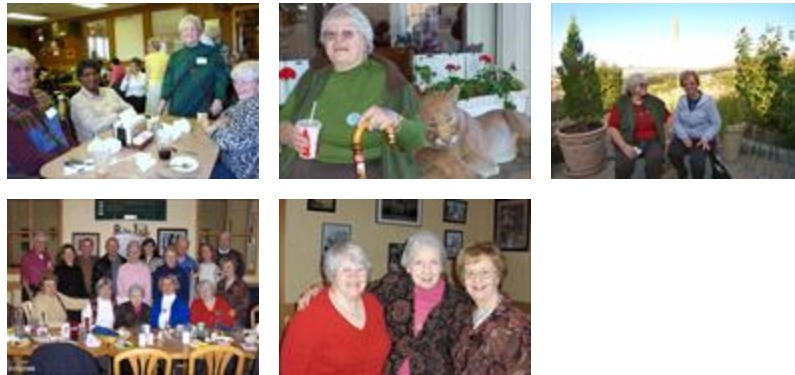
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“ Russ and I worked with Genitha at Topeka State Hospital. She demonstrated much passion for that work and was a strong advocate for both patients/staff while there. She was straight-forward when offering her opinion on a variety of matters. Know she loved learning/travel and had many interests/talents. Was fascinating to hear her speak of her time in Saudi Arabia. As with many others, lost track of her after TSH closed so was saddened to learn of her passing. May warm memories help to sustain you through this time. Russ Hunter and Fran Seymour-Hunter

Fran and Russ Seymour-Hunter/Hunter - March 28, 2022 at 09:00 AM

MH

“ 9 files added to the album Memories Album



Mary Haubold - March 27, 2022 at 07:02 PM

NH

“ Genita was my fun traveling companion to Phoenix, New Mexico, and Boston.  
Mary Haubold

Nary Haubold - March 27, 2022 at 06:46 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Genitha Clark.*



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March 25, 2022 at 11:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Genitha Clark.*



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March 25, 2022 at 10:04 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Genitha's passing. She was one of my instructors at the Baker University School of Nursing (1992-1994). I loved her humor, her common sense, her compassion - and her willingness to share knitting patterns. She was very kind to me as I experienced the death of one parent and the fatal illness of another during my final year of nursing school. I'll never forget that.*

*kindest regards,  
Brenda Hall, BA, RN, BSN  
BUSN 1994*

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**Brenda Hall** - March 23, 2022 at 09:06 PM

FW

*Genitha was a beautiful person. She was the one person who pushed me to finish my education. We met when she worked at Topeka State Hospital. She was so supportive. Her bubbly personality made her so loveable. She's now resting on a soft cloud after giving so much of herself to others. Rest in Heavenly Peace Genitha you earned it*

*Blessings to the family  
Frances Wilson, Kansas City, KS*

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**Frances Wilson** - March 24, 2022 at 09:38 PM

MO

*I taught with Genitha at Baker University. She was An honest and straightforward individual. I respected her common sense approach. She was a friend Marilyn Overstreet*

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**Marilyn Overstreet** - March 25, 2022 at 08:31 AM

DS

*Worked with Genitha at Topeka State Hospital. She was a good supervisor and a very understanding person.*

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**David Suttle** - March 25, 2022 at 09:26 AM

PO

*Prayers for the family of Genitha. She was in the Madonna Circle at Mater Dei Holy Name Catholic Church for several years. She always was willing to help in our projects for the church. She was always a very kind lady. Peggy R. Oliva*

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**Peggy R. Oliva** - March 27, 2022 at 11:28 AM

LW

*Such a lovely and devoted friend in so many aspects of my life. Have missed her these last years...She was an advocate for her nursing profession, her family and all of us blessed with her support and friendship. Rest In Peace for a bit and then rejoice in whatever new adventures (thinking your love for travel here) eternity brings to your soul. Much love and many hugs to her family, Know she has been, and will be always be held in my heart.*

*Only for so short a while  
have you loaned us to each other,  
Because we take form in your act of drawing us,  
and we breathe in your singing us.  
But only for short while  
have you loaned us to each other.  
Because even a drawing cut in  
Crystalline obsidian fades,  
and the green feathers, the crown feathers,  
of the Quetzal bird lose their color,  
and even the sounds of the waterfall  
die out in the dry season.  
So we too, because only for a short while  
have you loaned us to each other. Aztec Prayer to God*

*Lois Wilkins - Gleue*

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**Lois Wilkins** - March 27, 2022 at 11:40 AM