



Helen M. Eakes

October 3, 1927 - March 23, 2022

Helen May Hartman Eakes, 94, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

Helen was born and raised on a farm outside Meriden, Kansas, the daughter of William and Amelia Fritton Hartman. On a horse, she rode to the Southstar one-room schoolhouse. Helen married Robert G. Eakes in Assumption Catholic Church, Topeka, on September 6, 1948. She was a current member of Christ the King Catholic Church, founding member of St. Matthew Catholic Church and former member of the St. Matthew Altar Society. Helen worked for Macy's and Dillard's Department Stores, at the Voting Polls, and as a Nurse's Aide for Head Start. While she worked for Dillard's she was proud to earn the award of Pacesetter many times and as the men's Ralph Lauren Polo Rep she took pride in her department and developed relationships with her many customers. Helen enjoyed the volunteer work she did at St. Francis Hospital and Christ the King Church.

Helen is survived by her children, Mary Bowler (Larry), Robert Eakes (Diane), Victoria Amis (Mike), Christine Emery (Ron), Steven Eakes (Val), Carla Compton, Brenda Guyle (Dan) and Lisa Rochford (Bob); 21 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, her son, Michael Eakes, her son-in-law, Mike Compton, three brothers and four sisters.

Rosary will be prayed at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka KS 66614, with Mass of Christian Burial being celebrated at 11 a.m. at the Church. Private inurnment will be at a later date in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or the Topeka Rescue Mission. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Rosary

APR 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
5973 SW 25th St
Topeka, KS 66614-1973
(785) 273-0710

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
5973 SW 25th Street
Topeka, KS 66614

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen M. Eakes



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 01, 2022 at 04:23 PM

DL

What a wonderful tribute to Helen. I worked with Helen at Macy's. I always considered her one of my friends and after I quit, would always love seeing her when I was shopping. I also know her daughter Vicky. Helen was a beautiful woman and always so sweet. I didn't know she had that number of children. I was blessed to work with her. Dawn Markham Lindner-LaForge.

Dawn LaForge - April 03, 2022 at 10:08 AM

LR

Thank you for sharing ❤️

lisa eakes rochford - April 09, 2022 at 07:46 AM



“ Helen M. Eakes

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

MB

“ I first met your Mom when I was a student at Washburn and worked part time at Macys. She was a wonderful mentor and friend. So nice and friendly to everyone, and a wonderful role model. Her smile was infectious. I stopped in at Macys/Dillards through the years to see her and she never changed. And always so proud of her family. I was hoping to get her to be a volunteer at Stormont Vail when I worked there, but lost out to St Francis. They got a jewel in her. My prayers are with you. Marla Kerby Barker

Marla Barker - April 03, 2022 at 06:40 PM

LR

Thank you for sharing your memories ❤️ She was just recently as last fall talking about going back to volunteer at the new St. Francis satellite that would be down the street from her off of Wanamaker. She never stopped trying to contribute where she could 🌹 We also had noted about all of the young people that she worked with while they were going through school and how she enjoyed getting to know you all.

lisa eakes rochford - April 09, 2022 at 07:54 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Helen M. Eakes.



March 31, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen M. Eakes.



March 30, 2022 at 04:12 PM

MW

“ *Helen and Mom were good friends back in her and Bob's St. Matthew's days. Helen helped my mom so much when my older sister passed away in 1970. She was a beautiful woman. My condolences to the entire Eakes family. Mark Wunder*

Mark Wunder - March 29, 2022 at 08:43 AM

LR

Thank you for your kind words 🌹

lisa eakes rochford - March 31, 2022 at 08:50 AM

KF

“ *Helen and I were neighbors on Brandywine Ln as well as co-workers at Macy's and Dillard's. She didn't want me to move to Olathe and would even call me and tell me I could still change my mind. We had lots of visits and pleasant times together. Thinking of all the family.*

Kay Frantz - March 27, 2022 at 08:58 PM

LR

Kay, Thank you for your kind words, I know she missed you when you moved away! Nice memories 🌸

lisa eakes rochford - March 31, 2022 at 08:52 AM

SS

“ *To the Eakes family,*

My condolences on your Mom's passing, I will keep you in my prayers.

Susan Swalwell - March 27, 2022 at 07:27 PM

LR

Thank you💕

lisa eakes rochford - March 31, 2022 at 08:53 AM

JM

“ To the Eakes family & her many friends and admirers,

Helen was a Topeka treasure. She was absolutely the best sales person I ever had the honor to meet in our entire community. Helen was my go to person at Macys and Dillards for many years. She always greeted me by name with her sweet smile and calm demeanor. I could always trust her judgment as she always put her customers first and not just the price of any product she could sell.

Often times when I was passing through Dillards I would just have to stop and say hello to Helen because I enjoyed knowing her so very much. Her kindness and positive personality always put a smile on my face. My sincere sympathy to her family at this time. However, I am totally confident that Helen is smiling at all of you from above. Nobody deserves heaven and enjoying Christ's presence more than this fine lady. God speed Helen!

John Minnick, Topeka

John Minnick - March 27, 2022 at 10:23 AM

LR

Thank you for sharing such a wonderful tribute to our mom.💕

lisa eakes rochford - March 30, 2022 at 02:53 PM

LW

“ *Bob, Diane & the Eakes family,
We are saddened to learn of the passing of your dear Mother. May
God bless and comfort you during this difficult time. Cherish the
great memories you have.
Hugs, Corwyn & Linda 🤗*

Linda & Corwyn Wenke - March 26, 2022 at 09:52 PM

LR

Thank you💕

lisa eakes rochford - March 31, 2022 at 08:53 AM

DM

“ *I used to work with Helen at Dillard's she was always making me
laugh with her sense of humor she will be missed she was a
wonderful woman*

Danny Martinez - March 26, 2022 at 04:53 PM

LR

She loves working at Dillard's/Macy's and all of the wonderful co
workers she met along the way💕

lisa eakes rochford - March 30, 2022 at 02:56 PM

DP

“ *To the whole Eakes family, my sincere condolences, love and
prayers. I hope your wonderful memories can help you through
these difficult days. She was an amazing person.*

Dee Poe - March 26, 2022 at 12:24 PM

LR

Thank you for your kind words💕

lisa eakes rochford - March 31, 2022 at 08:54 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Helen M. Eakes.



March 24, 2022 at 07:38 PM



“ Such a beautiful picture of Aunt Helen. That's how I will remember her; smiling, happy, and always so peaceful and calm. Helen always made a point to say Hi and to ask how I was doing and was genuinely interested in my response. Her gentle and kind demeanor always made me feel at ease. We had something in common in that when I worked at the mall for many years; I would see Helen at Dillard's and we would swap stories about the joys and pains of working in retail, especially during the Holidays, but there was no doubt that she took great pride in her work there and that she was very good at what she did.

To Helens family and to my cousins especially; you are very much in my thoughts and prayers today. Losing a beloved Matriarch leaves a massive empty space in the very heart of her family, Holidays and special occasions will never be the same but they will still come and go. I pray you will eventually fill some of that space with warm thoughts and beautiful memories. I personally have found it helpful just to imagine my Mom sitting there in the room with us, just smiling and taking it all in. I hope you find comfort in knowing what a wonderful and special lady your Mom was to many of us and that she made a positive impact in other peoples lives. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Peace and Love to you all.
Gayle (Sissy) Nold

Gayle Nold - March 24, 2022 at 02:29 PM

LR

Sissy, Thank you for the kind words of our mom. I am happy you have such fond memories. 💕

lisa eakes rochford - March 30, 2022 at 02:55 PM

CE

Sissy, thank you for beautifully expressing your words with love. 💕

Chris Emery - April 02, 2022 at 09:59 AM



“ *Carla, my heart goes out to you.*

Brad and Maureen

Brad Hendrix - March 24, 2022 at 11:58 AM

YP

“ *Your Family at Hall Commercial Printing purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Helen M. Eakes.*



Your Family at Hall Commercial Printing - March 24, 2022 at 11:41 AM

DT

“ *So very sorry for your loss Bobby and Diane. May she rest in peace with her Lord.*



Debbie/Gerry Tinsley - March 24, 2022 at 08:31 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen M. Eakes.*



March 23, 2022 at 11:37 PM