



Helen Hurst

February 23, 1935 - January 2, 2025

Helen Marie Hurst, 89, of Topeka, Kansas passed away peacefully at Stormont Vail Hospital, surrounded by her family on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Helen was born on February 23, 1935, in Sylvia, Kansas. She was the daughter of Ben and Lenora Fern Moeckel. Helen graduated from Sylvia High School in 1953 and Hutchinson Community College in 1955.

On October 28, 1955, Helen married the love of her life, Glen Lee Hurst. They were married for 61 years. He preceded her in death on November 6, 2016. After teaching first grade for a couple of years, Helen chose to stay at home to raise their family. Glen's job as the Northeast Kansas Regional Supervisor for Kansas Wildlife and Parks transferred the family from Larned, Kansas to Topeka, then to Wamego, Kansas and eventually back to Topeka. During that time Helen worked in several places including managing Peter Pan Ice Cream Stores in Topeka and Manhattan, Kansas, and working for two different insurance companies in Topeka. Helen eventually retired to watch her grandchildren. Helen and Glen enjoyed travelling in their RV and heading south during the winter months allowing them time for fishing and golfing. They would always return early, as Helen's truest passion was always time spent with family. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her pride and joy; following their sporting and school events was one of her favorite pastimes. Helen was dearly loved by all who knew her and will be greatly

missed.

Grateful and blessed to have shared her life are her daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie Brady (Craig), Cathy Wilson (Mark), Glenda Miller (Tom), all of Topeka; seven grandchildren, Robert Wilson (Jessica), Amber Sester (Adam), Jackie Jones, Brandon Miller (Alyssa), Chase Brady (Danielle), Ryan Miller (Wray Wickizer) and Cory Wilson (Charissa); eight great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, Joy Moeckel, Eudora, Kansas, Linda Moeckel, Minneapolis, Kansas, Marilyn Hurst, Sylvia; a brother-in-law, Keith Hurst, Sylvia; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Glen, brothers, Don Moeckel, Bud Moeckel and Richard Moeckel.

The family extends a heartfelt thanks to the staff at Lexington Park Independent Living.

Memorial service will be 10 a.m. Friday, January 10, 2025, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. A private inurnment will be at Mount Hope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Hurst



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 07, 2025 at 05:22 PM

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“ Helen and I became close when I was the activity director at Lexington. She was so dear to me (and many others). We had a lot of fun and shared special times together. She was so loving and welcoming. I have missed her since I left Lex. May precious memories bring you peace. Most sincerely, Elaine Schmidt

Elaine Schmidt - January 12, 2025 at 08:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen Hurst.



January 09, 2025 at 03:31 PM

NJ

“ Giving my condolences to the entire family of Helen Hurst. I was surprised when I read the obit and found out that she managed the Peter Pan store here in Topeka. I past that building the other day and it brought back so many memories of my childhood. But I couldn't remember the name. Reading the obit I said to myself "Oh my God" that's the name. RIP Helen!

Nieve Jones - January 09, 2025 at 02:44 PM

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“ Helen and my mom (Peggy) met at Lexington Park (LP) being friends and playing bridge together. I loved Helen always giving her a hug on my visits from NY. My parents left LP in 2018 but it was always a pleasure to see Helen's smiling face on my annual visits. Hugs to the family.

Steve Friesen - January 08, 2025 at 07:23 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom!

Rita Chapman - January 07, 2025 at 08:07 PM