



Hildred Vilander

January 10, 1934 - October 16, 2021

Hildred Jean Vilander, 87, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Saturday, October 16, 2021.

Hildred was born January 10, 1934, in Dover, Kansas, the daughter of Christopher and Lola Akers Lister. She graduated in 1951 from Washburn Rural High School. On December 1, 1951, Hildred and Gerold Vilander were united in marriage, enjoying 69 years together prior to his death October 18, 2020.

Hildred was an accomplished businesswoman who was employed by Kansas Gas Service Company and retired from KPL/Westar Energy. She served as International President of PBX Telecommunications; she was Woman of the Year for Business and Professional Women of Topeka, and won several speech awards as a Toastmistress, member of Toastmasters International. Hildred was selected as Honored Elder in 2006 as a member of SCAT (Shawnee County Allied Tribes); she was active for many years with the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethons and served as past president of the local MDA Chapter.

Hildred is survived by her children, Dambra Callahan (Robert) Fairbanks, Alaska, Debbie Stevens, Midland, Texas, Kenny Vilander (Donna) and Randy Vilander (Marianne) both of Topeka; 11 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Alice Lister, Lorraine Green, Sharon Hughes and

Norma Jean Vilander.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, brother, Richard Lister and infant brother, Harold Lister and son-in-law, Sid Stevens.

Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, October 21, in Keene Cemetery, 13105 Hwy K4, Maple Hill KS 66507.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands Humane Society or CAT Association, 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.

Cemetery Details

Keene Cemetery

13105 Hwy K4
Maple Hill, KS 66507

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Hildred Vilander*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I remember meeting Hildred many years ago as she was a friend of my mother Elaine McGirr, I got reacquainted with her at the PowWow at Lake Shawneethru a Vendor Suzanne James. Hold red was a very special talented lady.. She represented her native heritage and culture with pride.*

Rosemary McGirr Patterson Smith, Topeka

rosemary smith - November 28, 2021 at 07:03 PM



“ *I met Hildred through working together in the Capitol Chapter of Credit Unions. She was insightful and fun. Always admired her sense of style, her beautiful hair and jewelry! Her motorcycle road trips put her in the forefront of independent women and had no fear of adventure, living the life she wanted. She was a jewel and I'm so glad I knew her.*

Becky Razak - October 22, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ *I met Hildreth through Shawnee County Allied Tribe. She taught me how to do Registration and many good stories of the SCAT past powwows. May She Rest in the LORD'S Peace+*



Laura Thackery - October 19, 2021 at 07:11 PM

BA

“ *Hildred and I spent many hours together as part of Shawnee County Allied Tribes. She share much with school children. She helped everywhere needed during Pow Wows. She made beautiful jewelry. She smiled a lot. She was a friend. -Bobbie Anderson*

Bobbie Anderson - October 19, 2021 at 03:32 PM

DS

“ *Kenny, Donna & Amber, sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Prayers,
Diana Sutphen*

Diana R Sutphen - October 19, 2021 at 03:20 PM

ML

“ *Randy and the Vilander family, my sincere condolences on the passing of your Mom. What a nice lady, may her memory always bring you smiles. Godspeed.*

Mike LaFontaine - October 19, 2021 at 01:09 PM

CA

“ *Cale lit a candle in memory of Hildred Vilander*



Cale - October 19, 2021 at 11:42 AM

MW

“ *Randy - So very sorry. Thinking of you. Allan and Marianne Wessel*

Marianne Wessel - October 19, 2021 at 09:56 AM