



Janet Rothrock

November 18, 1933 - October 17, 2025

Janet Mae (Fisher) Rothrock, 91, Topeka, Kansas, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 17, 2025, reuniting with her beloved husband, John.

Born November 18, 1933, in Wellington, Kansas, to David G. and Lillie E. (Bellmon) Fisher, Janet grew up with a deep appreciation for education, music, and community. She graduated from Wellington High School and went on to Kansas State Teachers College (now Emporia State University), where she played in the orchestra, sang in the chorus and other ensembles, and was active in Alpha Sigma Tau sorority.

On August 14, 1955, Janet married her high school sweetheart, John G. Rothrock. Together they built a life rooted in love, laughter, and partnership. After beginning their life together in Lawrence, where Janet taught at Cordley Elementary School, they moved to Topeka in 1957. There, she became one of the very first teachers at McCarter Elementary School.

John and Janet raised two sons, John Steven "Steve" and James Gary "Jim." During those busy years at home, Janet poured her energy into supporting her boys, serving as a Den Mother, PTA board member at Maude Bishop Elementary, and campaigning for projects that enriched the lives of local families, including the Ken Berry baseball fields. She later returned to teaching, sharing her love of learning with students at Crestview Elementary and Lowman Hill Elementary. Janet and John shared a lifelong love of KU football and basketball, cheering on the Jayhawks together and passing that passion on to their family.

Together, Janet and John built a rich life not only through family and work but also through their shared passion for square dancing. They held leadership positions in their local clubs, served as presidents of the Kansas Square Dance Association, and represented Kansas on the national stage as educational chairpersons for the United Square Dancers of America.

In retirement, Janet continued to dedicate herself to service. She volunteered with Our Savior's Lutheran Church, ERC, Doorstep, and the Shepherd's Center of Topeka. She and John also enjoyed monthly golf outings with their church community. Her love of music remained a constant in her life, as she joyfully rang with the Jubilante Bell Choir and sang with the Melodears Women's Chorus.

Janet is survived by her sons, Steve (Cindy) Rothrock and Jim Rothrock (Kay Williams); grandchildren, Brady (Kiersten), Ally, and Jaeden; great-grandchildren, Win and Witt; and a wide circle of dear friends who will miss her kindness and unwavering spirit.

A visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, October 30, 2025, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. A private family inurnment will be at Prairie Lawn Cemetery, Wellington, Kansas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2021 SW 29th Street, Topeka KS 66611.

Janet's life was a gift to everyone who knew her, and her legacy of love, music, and service will continue to echo in the lives of her family and community.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home

2801 SW Urish Road

Topeka, KS 66614

(785) 272-7888

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janet Rothrock



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - October 20, 2025 at 04:10 PM

P(

Did she have a picture of her mother? Was her name Lila Pasley? She was a teacher of mine in Jr High-Capper Jr High

Patricia (Patty) - October 28, 2025 at 12:55 PM

SR

Mrs. Rothrock was my 5th grade teacher at Lowman Hill. She was the most kind and understanding teacher I've ever had. I thought about her often, and was sad to see this news. I'm thinking of her family during this difficult time.

Season Richardson - October 29, 2025 at 02:07 PM

ME

“ Melodears planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet Rothrock.

Melodears - October 30, 2025 at 11:46 AM

JT

“ Thinking of you all. Janet was so loving and caring and oh so thoughtful. My prayers are with you all.

Jamie Tast-Pasley - October 27, 2025 at 02:26 PM

MG

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs Rothrock She was an outstanding educator as well as a devoted wife mother and grandmother We are sending condolences and prayers to the Rothrock family Mike &Patti Goehring

Mike &Patti Goehring - October 25, 2025 at 04:32 PM

TR

“ Tom And Becky Roth lit a candle in memory of Janet Rothrock



Tom and Becky Roth - October 25, 2025 at 12:56 PM

CR

“ To the family,
We are sorry for your loss. We know that she will be missed.
Chuck and Bev Rogers

Chuck and Bev Rogers - October 22, 2025 at 11:19 PM

SH

“ I will miss Janet and the fun she brought to all of us. It was always fun to participate in the Our Savior's Lutherah golf group. Along with the guys, we ladies had fun playing at the par three course at the Sports Center. Lots of laughs.

Sally J Holter - October 19, 2025 at 09:53 PM

MM

“ Marilyn, Rhonda, Colin, Gail, Mark purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Janet Rothrock.



Marilyn, Rhonda, Colin, Gail, Mark - October 18, 2025 at 12:20 PM

PD

“ Patty Dick lit a candle in memory of Janet Rothrock



Patty Dick - October 18, 2025 at 07:39 AM

FF

“ From the DeGori family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Janet Rothrock.



From the DeGori family - October 17, 2025 at 09:19 PM

FF

“ From the DeGori family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet Rothrock.

From the DeGori family - October 17, 2025 at 09:19 PM

FK

“ From James and Kay purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Janet Rothrock.



From James and Kay - October 17, 2025 at 09:18 PM

FK

“ From James and Kay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet Rothrock.

From James and Kay - October 17, 2025 at 09:18 PM