



Jeannette D. Haugsness Keck

November 18, 1933 - August 6, 2012

Jeanette Dorothy (Haugsness) Keck, 78, passed away, Monday, August 6, 2012. Jeanette was born November 18, 1933 in Kelly, KS the daughter of Sverre J. (Tillie) Haugsness and Lillian Weber Haugsness. Jeanette married George Keck, Jr. on June 9, 1952 in Seneca. He preceded her in death on September 28, 2011. She worked at Jostens Yearbook in the layout department where she retired in 1989. She was a notorious prankster who could solve almost any problem with immense creativity and joy. Even into middle age she would do such things as don a costume on Halloween and “trick or treat” the homes of her friends or make a sponge cake out of actual kitchen sponges carefully frosted with chocolate icing and meticulously decorated to camouflage the underlying base. She was an avid “garage-saler” spending most Saturday mornings tromping the streets of Topeka looking for the best deal possible. She loved a good bargain more than she loved her “Wheel of Fortune” at which she was a world class contestant, but never got the chance to audition. She knew the answers before Pat and Vanna. She was active in social agencies and especially instrumental in the R.E.A.C.H. program at Most Pure Heart of Mary in Topeka. She was also deeply involved in Let’s Help where she was on the Board of Directors and often raised significant amounts of money through her ability to organize fundraisers such as the Topeka Chicken Flying contest. Through both of these endeavors she touched the lives of so many people in a positive way that words don't begin to impart the effect she had on people. It was through these efforts that she

taught her children and so many others the love she had for others and for God. Most of all, she was a great mother, grandmother and wonderful great-grandmother who enjoyed her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Survivors include, daughter, Debbie (Bill) Anderson; daughter, Kathy Hawkins; son, Tim Keck; son, Dan (Kathy) Keck; grandchildren, Jessica, Steven, Travis, Megan, Michael, Samantha, Scott, Hannah, Tyler, Jacob, Jacob P., Jon, Sarah, Emily, Nicholas, Lucas and six great grandchildren, siblings, John Haugsness, Bill Haugsness, Milton Haugsness, Larry Haugsness, Dick Haugsness, Elizabeth "Betty" Brannam, Karin Reilly and Margaret Albers. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, a sister and a grandson. Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka, KS 66614, where a parish rosary will be prayed at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 a.m., Friday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Nathan Keck Memorial Scholarship Fund through Kansas State, c/o the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jeannette D. Haugsness Keck*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Our sincerest sympathies to the Keck family. She was a true friend of REACH. She always was so involved in the Christmas programs there. She made the participants feel so special. We know how special the friendship was with the two families. She will be missed.*

Jack & Bengie Foster - August 09, 2012 at 11:04 PM



“ *Deborah, I am so sorry to hear about your mother. She sounds like quite a lady and will leave a void in your life. I'll be praying for you all.*

Pat Hrynewich - August 09, 2012 at 04:53 PM



“ *Dear Keck Family,
My condolences on the loss of your mom....she was quite a lady! I remember carpooling, and many good memories from the Reach masses ... that was a great program for so many. I may not have always been smiling when I ran into her, but I always was by the time I left her. May God be with you as she makes her way to Heaven. I know she will be missed....but I can tell from the obit, her humor lives on....a lovely tribute! You will be in my prayers.*

Susan Swalwell - August 08, 2012 at 06:29 PM

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“ To the entire Keck Family: I am so sorry to learn of Jeanette's passing. She was an awesome lady and she will be greatly missed. I think the obituary that you put in the paper today was right on about the kind of person and lady she was. She LOVED her Garage Sales for sure and knew a good bargain when she saw it! She always was a positive person ready to help where ever she could and that was evident in being the giving person she was. God bless her, and her family at this difficult time.

Susie & Bob Sachs - August 08, 2012 at 02:20 PM