



## Jessie Russell

June 15, 1930 - March 11, 2025

Jessie Louise Russell, 94, Topeka, Kansas, passed away in peace to join her Lord on March 11, 2025, at the House at Midland Care. The family thanks the staff at Stormont Vail Hospital and the House at Midland Care for the care, love, and support provided to Jessie.

Jessie was born June 15, 1930, to Walter and Elizabeth Simons in Manhattan, Kansas. She was one of nine children. Jessie's most enjoyable things to do were spending time and holidays with her family, trips to the casino, and playing bingo.

Jessie was a stay-at-home mom and also baby-sat children, who also called her "Grandma." Later in life, Jessie worked at Whitson School in food service.

Jessie met the love of her life, John Robert Russell, at the skating rink. They were united in marriage on November 29, 1952, and enjoyed 53 years together before John's passing on January 25, 2005.

Jessie is survived by her six children, John Russell (Deborah), Larry Russell (Joyce), Pamela Schneider (Kent), Janet Cochran (Patrick), Dennis Russell (Janna) and Jeff Russell; 16 grandchildren, Breanne Russell, Darcie Alfaro, Megan Russell, Robin Russell, Shane Russell, Jason Russell, Angela Moburg, Dr. Joshua Russell, Jeremy Schneider, Dr. Jared Schneider, Sean Cochran, Craig Cochran, Kyle Cochran, Joseph Russell, Eric Russell, and

Blair Russell; 27 great-grandchildren with one on the way in August; brother, James Simons (Rosemary); and many nieces and nephews. She would have been a great-great-grandmother to a boy in May. Jessie was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers, Walter and Robert Simons, and sisters, Kathryn Morris, Peggy Heptig, Alice Bauer, Annie Mayer and Eleanor Slusser.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where a rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3601 SW 17th Street, Topeka KS 66604.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Midland Care, VFW, or Most Pure Heart of Mary Church and sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

## Rosary

MAR 19. 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 20. 10:30 AM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church  
3601 SW 17th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jessie Russell*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - March 17, 2025 at 05:15 PM

VR

*I'm so sorry Jeff. I know how it is to lose your mom. My prayers are with you.*

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**Virginia C Ray** - March 27, 2025 at 10:01 PM

NP

“ *Dennis & family,  
I am just seeing your Mother's obituary. I am so sorry for your loss. It has been a number of years since we have lived in Topeka. We lived on Randolph next to the Alvis's. You may remember your childhood friend, Greg Priddy, our son. Sadly Greg died in February 2025 from cancer. He & his wife lived in Ohio. I always enjoyed visiting with your Mother. She was so kind & friendly, a beautiful lady.*

*God's Blessings,  
Larry & Norma Priddy  
Kansas City, MO*

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**Norma K Priddy** - July 16, 2025 at 11:40 PM

BF

“ We are just learning about Jessie’s death. We regret not being able to attend her services. Jessie was a true lifeline when we lived on Medford. There was always coffee ready and comforting conversation. She was a mother’s mother. She set the bar very high! Sorry for your loss. Lloyd and Bobbie Fleming

Bobble Fleming - April 07, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jessie Russell.

March 18, 2025 at 02:13 PM

PP

“ To the Russell family- (Dennis) my deepest condolence of passing of Jessie! Such a sweet lady she was! God Bless you all in your time of loss! Patrick Pfeiffer

Patrick Pfeiffer - March 17, 2025 at 09:32 AM

BA

“ great memories of childhood coming over to your home on weekends so your parents and mine ( Wayne and Karen Sage) could play cards and us kids hanging out! your Mother was a kind woman . Thoughts and prayers to the entire Russell Families

Brenda K. Sage Avery - March 17, 2025 at 09:02 AM

JR

“ Remembering my sweet Mother-in-Law Jessie and how blessed we were to have you in our lives. You were always there with kindness, love, and a giving hand. We will miss you, but in our hearts your love will always remain. ❤️

Janna Russell - March 16, 2025 at 04:40 PM

SM

“ I remember Jessie fondly as she and my mom, Verna Linnemann were best friends years ago and spent many mornings together at the donut shop and playing Bingo at the VFW. My father passed away one month after Jessie's husband died. I remember her kindness and friendliness to me and my sister Karen Linnemann. Jeff, we are so saddened for the loss of your mom. She blessed us with her friendship and love.  
Sue MacDevitt, Hot Springs Village, AR

Susan MacDevitt - March 16, 2025 at 11:39 AM

CC

“ Jeff, Larry so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. She was a great lady. Everytime I saw her playing bingo at VFW while I was working, I always had to stop and talk to her. She was a delightful woman to talk to. May God be with you and your family.  
Cathy Colpitts

Cathy Colpitts - March 15, 2025 at 07:47 PM

GW

“ No words can even come close to expressing how it feels when you lose someone you love. Aunt Jessie will always be remembered fondly. To my Russell cousins, I hope you know you are being thought of with love. Gerianne and Randy

Gerianne Wise - March 14, 2025 at 01:34 PM

RM

“ To all of Aunt Jessie's loving family, weren't we lucky to have her! Sending love from Indiana, Bryce and Roberta

Roberta Mayer - March 14, 2025 at 09:32 AM

BG

“ Dennis so sorry for the passing of your mother my thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family

Bob Grace - March 14, 2025 at 08:03 AM

CR

“ To the Russell family, my sincere condolences to you all, I enjoyed taking care of your mom when she was seeing Dr Wood and also enjoyed our visits at Hayden Bingo. A wonderful Lady and thankful to have known her.

Carrie Roberson - March 12, 2025 at 08:23 PM

KS

“ Dennis, Janna and family,  
Thinking of you in our thoughts and prayers. Wishing you peace and comfort in the days ahead as it is always hard to lose your Mother.  
May she rest in peace. 🙏  
Kip and Sherry Slattery

Kip and Sherry Slattery - March 12, 2025 at 08:15 PM

JR

Thank you, for your kind words and prayers. ❤️

Janna Russell - March 16, 2025 at 04:55 PM

EB

“ Larry and Joyce, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Ellie Gartner Brooke

Ellie Gartner Brooke - March 12, 2025 at 07:39 PM

LJ

Thank you kindly, Ellie!

Larry and Joyce - March 13, 2025 at 02:22 AM

CS

“ Cheryl Smith and Dex Schulz purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jessie Russell.



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**Cheryl Smith and Dex Schulz** - March 12, 2025 at 02:02 PM