



Joan Banister

November 28, 1931 - August 1, 2025

Joan Delphine Tobin Banister, 93, Topeka, Kansas, passed away in her sleep on August 1, 2025, at Brewster Place in Topeka.

Joan was born November 28, 1931, in Emporia, Kansas, the daughter of James Gabriel and Ruby Ellen Ivet Tobin. She graduated from Emporia High School and attended Emporia State Teachers College, where she was a member of the Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority. Joan married Robert Dean Banister on November 22, 1951, in Emporia and shared 63 years of marriage.

Joan worked various office finance jobs, but her true calling was raising her four children, helping with grandchildren whenever asked, and being a first-class homemaker. Her love of snacks and sweets was apparent with candy bars in “hidden” Tupperware, fun size M&Ms in case grandchildren stopped by, and white cheddar cheese corn puffs.

What she leaves us is more than memories - it's also her spiritual legacy. We recently found her ancestry book that asked, “what one piece of advice you’d like to pass down to others?” She wrote, “Obey The Commandments! And the world would be a better place to live if we don’t always do what’s Easiest but do what’s Best!”

Joan was proud to be of Irish heritage and often added an Irish blessing to

birthday cards. She was a devout Catholic and believed it important to introduce Catholic faith and values at a young age. Joan was an original member of Christ the King Catholic Church of Topeka and enjoyed years of friendships with members of Sunny Elevation Extension Unit (Sunny Gals) and the Red Hat Club.

Survivors include her children, Ron (Therese) Banister, Wildwood, Missouri, Jerry (Lorrie) Banister, Topeka, Julie Hoppas, Topeka, Robert (Stacey) Banister, Linwood, Kansas; ten grandchildren, Paul (Kisha) Banister, Katie (Eric Smith) Banister, Wendy (Garrett) Hines, Christy (Brian) Bellifemine, Alicia Banister, Jason (Sheri) Hoppas, Bryan (Michelle) Hoppas, Derek Hoppas, John (Cheyene) Banister, Hayley (Jacob) Keck; seventeen great-grandchildren, Henry, Annabelle, Liam, Max, Dylan, Dalton, Dayton, Adison, Aiden, Sam, Xavier, Sophia, Nick, McKinley, Bennett, Charlotte, and Hadley; and her sister, Mary Johnson of Emporia.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; son-in-law, Bob Hoppas; her parents; and siblings, George "Ed" Tobin, James Tobin, Sister Mary Jacqueline Tobin, and Sarah Hanes.

Joan and her family greatly appreciated the dedicated caregivers in all areas of Brewster Place of Topeka and the personal support from Midland Care Hospice.

Joan liked bright colors, and she'd love if everyone wore bright colors to her service. Visitation will be 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Friday August 8, 2025 at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 2700 SE Virginia Avenue, Topeka KS 66605, where Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Private burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Brewster Place Foundation or

Midland Care Hospice, 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.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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2700 SE Virginia Ave
Topeka, KS 66605

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Banister



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - August 06, 2025 at 12:51 PM

CT

We will remember Joan as kind neighbor and friend when she was home on Vorse Rd. Our condolences to her family. Chuck and Carol Torrence.

Carol Torrence - August 09, 2025 at 08:32 PM

TG

“ I met Joan at Brewster place as I was her housekeeper I loved talking with her she was so sweet she talked a lot about her sons how she was excited when they were coming to visit her I will miss her dearly RIP



teri gibbs - September 01, 2025 at 05:21 PM

NK

“ Dear Julie and family, My deepest condolences in the death of your mom. I am sure that the Lord received her with open arms. My love and prayers. May she Rest in Peace. Much blessings sent your way. Netti

Netti Kostecki - August 07, 2025 at 10:22 PM

GG

“ Rob, we really miss seeing your parents when dining out. They both lit up when your name was discussed, your mom especially. Our thoughts are with both of you. - The Gideon's



Georgianna Gideon - August 06, 2025 at 05:22 PM

JJ

“ Dear Joan's /family, I first got acquainted with Joan at the Hayden High School ballgames, when our grandsons played together on the Hayden Team. Joan was always so full of pep and friendly. Then we found each other again at Martin Creek Retirement Community and so enjoyed sharing stories of our families. I felt that Joan had not changed since those days at Hayden and we renewed our friendship. Please accept my condolences at her passing. I know that she is at peace in Heaven with our Lord. Jan Jenkins

Jan Jenkins - August 06, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joan Banister.



August 06, 2025 at 09:42 AM



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

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PA

“ Pam A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Banister.

Pam A. - August 05, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Banister.



August 05, 2025 at 01:18 PM



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

August 05, 2025 at 01:18 PM

TT

“ The Paul Joseph Banister Allstate Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joan Banister.



The Paul Joseph Banister Allstate Team - August 04, 2025 at 09:01 PM

TT

“ The Paul Joseph Banister Allstate Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Banister.

The Paul Joseph Banister Allstate Team - August 04, 2025 at 09:01 PM

MF

“ Mary Johnson and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joan Banister.



Mary Johnson and Family - August 04, 2025 at 08:36 PM

GH

“ Garren, Cindy and Greg Hardy purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Joan Banister.



Garren, Cindy and Greg Hardy - August 04, 2025 at 08:07 PM

TG

“ The Allard Sisters Kay Margo Deb Ginger purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joan Banister.



The Allard Sisters Kay Margo Deb Ginger - August 04, 2025 at 07:24 PM

TG

“ The Allard Sisters Kay Margo Deb Ginger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Banister.

The Allard Sisters Kay Margo Deb Ginger - August 04, 2025 at 07:24 PM