



## Joan Burkett

November 20, 1968 - December 3, 2006

Joan Leslie Burkett, 38, Topeka, passed away Sun., Nov. 26, 2006. Joan was born Nov. 20, 1968 in Topeka, the daughter of Beryl and Catherine Lambrecht Taylor. She graduated from Highland Park High School and had been a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Joan married David Burkett. She was a certified public manager and certified EMT and instructor. Joan was operations manager at Johnson County Emergency Communications Center.

Survivors include her husband, David, Topeka; two step-sons, Ryan Rayzor, currently serving with the US Marines in Iraq, and Jordan Burkett; two nieces, Rory Luther, Hattiesburg MS and Rene Taylor, Gulf Port MS; and two great-nieces, Haley and Victoria "Tory" Luther. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Eddie Ray, Beryl "Buzz" and Sharon Taylor.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Sun. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614 where a parish rosary will be prayed at 4 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church and Midland Hospice Care, sent in care of the funeral home.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Burkett*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Joan will be missed here in the county. God Bless you as you go through this difficult time.*

*Penny, Lt Paramedic, JOCO MedAct*

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**Penny Herbert** - December 02, 2006 at 08:35 PM



“ *I met Joan in the Certified Public Manager classes. Her courage in the face of cancer was inspiring to me. Talking to her many times since class ended last year, I continued to be moved by her endless optimism and love for her family. My prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to you, her family. God will walk with you through this dark time. Blessings.*

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**Elizabeth Griffin** - December 01, 2006 at 04:16 PM

VP

“ David, I was so sorry to hear about Joan. My thoughts have been with the two of you since Lance introduced us. Even though you have been through the most difficult time of your life, you are now embarking on a new one. Be gentle with yourself and let others reach out to you. Friends and relatives may not always know what to say or do to help your grief, but their support will give you strength. Allow yourself time to even begin the process of healing. The life you and Joan shared will always be a part of you and she will always be with you. Love is the most important thing of all. Take care. Viki -

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**Viki Royer Peterson** - November 30, 2006 at 04:39 PM

JB

“ I did not know personally however some of my best friends did. They all said she was a great person and they thought the world of her. My sincere condolences to her family and friends.  
J. Blair (sgt.jcso)

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**J. Blair** - November 30, 2006 at 03:20 PM

MG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. My nephew was a paramedic in Topeka and he passed away in July, I understand your pain and loss. She performed a great service to her community, one that will never be forgotten, but one that will be missed.

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**Melinda Glaspell** - November 30, 2006 at 02:18 PM

JS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of grief. It was a blessing to work with Joan in the short time I had the opportunity.*

*Jamie Simpkins  
Asst. Chief, 911 Communications  
Denver Health Paramedic Division  
(Formerly TriTech Software Systems)*

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**Jamie Simpkins** - November 30, 2006 at 11:17 AM



“ *Joan Burkett*

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November 29, 2006 at 08:31 PM