



Joan Derr

December 3, 1930 - August 4, 2015

Joan Derr, age 84, of Topeka, Kansas died Tuesday, August 4, 2015, at Midland Hospice House in Topeka, Kansas.

Joan was born December 3, 1930, at Hunter, Kansas, the daughter of Julia Viola (Blunden) and August Frederick Sackhoff. She grew up in Hunter where she attended Hunter Schools. On May 6th, 1954, she was united in marriage to Roy Derr in Topeka.

Joan worked as a brainwave technician with the Menninger Foundation. She subsequently started working in the legal profession as a legal secretary. Joan was a legal secretary with several law offices and with the Federal District Court. She was a proud member of the Association of Legal Secretaries.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Richard, Wilbur and Don; her sisters, Esther Rooker, Maureen Stertz and Jean Lomax; her husband, Roy; and her daughter, Cindy; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Those who remain to cherish her memory are daughters, Lori Coleman of Topeka, Kansas, Lisa Derr of Washington, Kansas; son, Trent Derr of Houston, Texas; sister, Doris Hughes of La Jolla, CA; 5 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Joan will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2015 at the Mount Hope Funeral Chapel at 4700 SW 17th Street, Topeka, KS. Joan will be buried at Mount Hope Cemetery in Topeka. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, August 6, 2015 at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, KS, 66614.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Lutheran Church, 2636 SE Minnesota Ave, Topeka, KS 66605, the Alzheimer's Association, 3625 SW 29th Ste 102, Topeka, KS, 66614, or to the Midland Hospice House, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka, KS, 66606.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 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

Funeral Service

AUG 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mount Hope Cemetery
4700 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Tribute Wall



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



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - August 06, 2015 at 10:10 AM



“ *Joan Derr*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *KDADS IT Department purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Joan Derr.*



KDADS IT Department - August 06, 2015 at 10:42 AM



“ *Sandy Turner and Family purchased the Victorian Teacup Bouquet for the family of Joan Derr.*



Sandy Turner and Family - August 06, 2015 at 03:10 AM

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“ *Lori & Family*

We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. We don't always understand how and why things happen but know that she is in the arms of God and at peace. Keep close and cherish all the wonderful memories for those will carry you through the hard times. Sandy Turner and Family.

Sandy Turner - August 06, 2015 at 02:17 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Joan Derr.*



August 05, 2015 at 12:25 PM

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“ *Aunt Joan welcomed me into her family when I married her nephew Rex. She was loving and always glad to see our family and share stories of Rex growing up. Her home was always a stopping off point for our travels to and from reassignments w/ the Army. I will miss her laughter and love. On our wall at home is a picture of her w/ Rex & his brother Randy at age 1 & 2 years old. I will send kisses and hugs from our family to hers and say how blessed we were to have her and Uncle Roy in our lives. With love, Anne Rooker*

Anne Rooker - August 05, 2015 at 10:16 AM