



Joan L. Desch

May 12, 1931 - August 25, 2016

Joan Loretto Graham Desch, Topeka, passed away August 25, 2016. She was born May 12, 1931, in Luray KS to James W. and Pearl M. Mellies Graham. She married Joseph P. Desch on September 30, 1950, in Topeka, Kansas.

After raising six children, Joan worked for Topeka 501 School District and the Kansas Legislature. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Dale Graham. She is survived by her husband of nearly 66 years and her six children, Joleen (Roger) Aeschliman, Joseph II (Patty) Desch, Janelle Desch Moses, Jay (Mary) Desch, Jerilyn (Ed) Rodgers, Jeremy Desch; her 14 grandchildren, Stacy (Mike) Moriarty, Jennifer (Lance) Vaughn, Ryan (Katie) Desch, Christine (David) Schaffer, Joseph (Erin) Desch III, Alison Moses, Erin Moses, Adam Moses, Alec Desch, Madison Desch, Mallory Desch, Brady Rodgers, Stephanie (Shad) Cox, Julie Rodgers, plus one expected; and seven great-grandchildren, Taylor Moriarty, Emma DeLier, Ellie DeLier, Adelaide Desch, Isaiah Desch, Langston Desch, Braxton Cox, plus one expected. Joan is also survived by brothers, James Graham, Tom (Sylvia) Graham, sisters, Shirley Schmidt, Jean Schmidlein, and sister-in-law, Juanita Graham.

A rosary will be prayed at 5 p.m. Monday, August 29, at Christ the King Church followed by visitation until 7 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 30, at Christ the King Church. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ the King Church and Sacred Heart-St. Joseph Catholic Parish, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Rosary

AUG **29**. 5:00 PM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
5973 SW 25th Street
Topeka, KS 66614

Visitation

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Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan L. Desch



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - August 27, 2016 at 03:04 PM

DB

Joe and family, What a lovely tribute to your Mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Debbie W Boos - August 28, 2016 at 10:26 AM



“ Joan L. Desch

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

AM

“ I just learned today of Joan's passing during prayers at mass. It doesn't seem like much more than a month ago I saw Joan after mass. I am sorry for your loss and know her family meant so much to her. I first met Joan when I got my first teaching job at State Street Elementary School where we worked together with the students. After she retired we were able to stay in touch at Hayden games and at Christ the King. I always admired her enthusiasm for all she did. She will be missed. Amy (Skidmore) Muller

Amy Muller - September 11, 2016 at 01:49 PM

CS

“ I worked in the office of the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and we all loved Joan and looked forward each day to her arrival to file bills and such for our office. She was a wonderful person who I was so happy to get to know. My deep sympathy to all in her family! -- Charlene Swanson

Charlene Swanson - August 30, 2016 at 02:22 PM

NA

“ Dear Joe and family,

I am so sorry to hear of the recent passing of your mother. She lives forever in your hearts and in your memories. My prayers are with you all. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

Nick Arace - August 29, 2016 at 02:12 PM

MP

“ Mike and Wendy Porembski purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Joan L. Desch.



Mike and Wendy Porembski - August 29, 2016 at 01:18 PM

DR

“ Jolene and family.....I did not know your mother but she raised a wonderful caring daughter in you. It is never easy to lose a parent no matter what age! My mother lived to be 104 and she is dearly missed.

Please know I care and you are in my prayers during this difficult time.

Deanna Roudybush

Deanna Roudybush - August 29, 2016 at 12:23 PM

RJ

“ Ray Kay Lori Elaine Chris Ken Rhonda Sheryl Justin purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joan L. Desch.



Ray Kay Lori Elaine Chris Ken Rhonda Sheryl Justin - August 29, 2016 at 10:10 AM

PH

“ Dear Joe and Family,

What nice memories I have of this beautiful woman. You are in my thoughts and prayers as I remember my young days together with Joan at Holy Name School.

Lovingly,
Pat (Moore) Haines

Patricia Haines - August 29, 2016 at 10:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joan L. Desch.



August 28, 2016 at 10:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Joan L. Desch.



August 28, 2016 at 09:57 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Joan L. Desch.



August 28, 2016 at 09:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Joan L. Desch.



August 28, 2016 at 04:17 PM

RH

“ I met Mrs. Desch only once. I returned to Topeka to visit friends and stopped by Joe's home to say hello. I was met at the front door by a beautiful Mrs. Desch who welcomed me graciously. She was so sweet and kind that I still have this vivid memory etched in my mind like it was just yesterday. She did a wonderful job of raising the children and they are the true testament of her wonderful character. I am so sad for the family at this difficult time.

Raul (Ralph) Huet - August 28, 2016 at 04:06 PM

JG

“ Jim Graham purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joan L. Desch.



Jim Graham - August 28, 2016 at 02:07 PM

JV

“ We miss you so much, Gigi. Thank you for all the wonderful memories you have given our family over the years. You will never be forgotten. Rest in peace sweet angel.



Jen Vaughn - August 28, 2016 at 10:23 AM

MH

“ Condolences to all who are related to and who knew Joan - she will be greatly missed. God speed Joan - Marylee Hamilton and family

Marylee Hamilton - August 28, 2016 at 08:15 AM

BF

“ *Jerilyn, Joe, and family. We are so sorry for the loss of your Mother. Praying for your family.* ”

Bobby & Jeannene Freeman - August 27, 2016 at 08:53 PM

BO

“ *To the entire Desch family.. So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Barb Coon OConnor.* ”

barb OConnor - August 27, 2016 at 04:54 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joan L. Desch.* ”



August 27, 2016 at 04:07 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan L. Desch.* ”



August 27, 2016 at 12:26 PM