



## Joan Sterbenz

March 1, 1937 - February 29, 2024

Joan Elizabeth Sterbenz, 86, Topeka, Kansas, passed away on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at Lexington Park Independent Living.

Joan was born March 1, 1937, in Paxico, Kansas, the daughter of August and Katherine Meinhardt Stork. She graduated from high school in Paxico as Valedictorian of her class in 1955. After high school she moved to Topeka, where she worked as a switchboard operator for the local telephone company. Joan married Robert Sterbenz on June 21, 1958, in Newbury, Kansas; they celebrated almost 65 years of marriage before Robert passed away in 2023. Following Bob's retirement, the couple moved to Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas, where they built a beautiful home by the lake and spent much time playing golf. Joan even got a job at the pro shop. She enjoyed being outside, flower gardening, and cross stitching. Joan had a passion for being kind and welcoming to those that needed a place to stay or a seat at a table for the holidays. She liked to entertain and was well known for her homemade cinnamon rolls and peanut brittle. Joan is fondly remembered by her children's friends as being very inclusive and welcoming to them.

Joan is survived by her children, Barb Sterbenz, Denise Hamilton (Roger), Doug Sterbenz (Connie) and Julie Sterbenz; grandchildren, Tricia Lespreance (Adam), Amanda DeForest (Justin), Ryan Hamilton (Steph Carll), Paul Hamilton (Ingrid), Jacob Hamilton (Keelei), Kayla Hamilton (Ryan Sowers),

Rachel Sterbenz, Audrey Farnham (Brandon) and John Sterbenz; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and siblings, Frank Stork, Gus Stork, Mary Ann Wagner, Magdalene Sippel, and Mel Stork.

Services will be on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka KS 66614. Visitation will start at 9 a.m., Rosary will be prayed at 10:30 a.m. and Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Inurnment will be at a later date in Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, Joan's family asks for memorial contributions to be to Christ the King Catholic Church for Mass Intentions. Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church  
5973 SW 25th St  
Topeka, KS 66614-1973  
(785) 273-0710

## Rosary

MAR 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



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



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - March 07, 2024 at 02:57 PM

JM

“ *Doug & Denise,*

*We are saddened to hear of your loss of your mother. Please know that Joan and all of your family are in our prayers.*

*Jim and Karen Medford*

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**Jim Medford** - March 11, 2024 at 05:10 PM

JW

“ *Jan Winter-Kuluck purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joan Sterbenz.*



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**Jan Winter-Kuluck** - March 09, 2024 at 11:10 AM

HD

“ To the Sterbenz Family, I am so sorry to hear that your Mother, Joan has gone from this life. We were always good friends and I have lots of good memories of your family. I will keep you in my prayers.

*Helen Dudney*

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**Helen Dudney** - March 04, 2024 at 05:20 PM

EL

“ To the Sterbenz Family,

*My hearts is saddened by your loss, and my thoughts and prayer are with you.*

*Elizabeth R.*



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**Elizabeth** - March 04, 2024 at 04:41 PM

LR

*To Joan's family: So sad to read your sweet mom's obituary. We had such good times together,many years ago, with her, the Knoebbers and other friends.Will always remember her. Sending love and hugs, Lydia Reimler, St. Marys.*

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**Lydia reimler** - March 04, 2024 at 05:15 PM

MB

“ Doug and Family - please accept my sympathy on the passing of your Mom. May she rest in peace.

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**Michael Browne** - March 03, 2024 at 07:14 PM

LZ

“ *Joan was such a sweet and caring person. She was so kind to my parents when she was living at the Providence Home, always looking over them and taking time to engage with them. We always enjoyed visiting with her when we were there. She was truly a delight and will be missed by so many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Lisa & Dan Zeller & family*

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**Lisa Zeller** - March 03, 2024 at 12:08 PM

RF

“ *To the Sterbenz Family,*

*Sorry for your loss.*

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**Richard & Terie Jolly & Family** - March 03, 2024 at 09:26 AM