



Joann Rossetto

January 31, 1943 - November 11, 2022

Lifetime Topeka, Kansas resident, Joann (Starr) Rossetto died November 11, 2022. Born on January 31, 1943, she was the youngest child of Basil and Margaret Carnoali Starr Weishaar.

Joann graduated from Assumption Grade School, Hayden High School in 1961 and attended Washburn University. She was a member of the reunion committee for each HHS '61 reunion.

Joann was an active member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church as a Eucharistic Minister, a guardian of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel, the Women's Club, Funeral Dinner Coordinator, Coordinator of the Christian Widow/Widowers' group and the Prayer Blanket Ministry. She previously sang in the adult choir for thirteen years. In January 2018, she traveled with two choirs to Rome to celebrate the Epiphany Mass at the Vatican with Pope Francis. Joann volunteered for the Topeka Performing Arts Center for over 25 years, being one of the first people to work in that capacity. She previously delivered Meals on Wheels.

Her two children, Stephen Rossetto and Suzanne Meier, survive as well as her grandchildren, Elizabeth Rossetto, Stephanie Nelson, Ashton Meier and Nathan Meier. She will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren for her "gramstacks" of birthday presents and the yearbooks that she created every

year. She was the special secret Tooth Fairy (Miriam, Gracie Lynn, Claire and Quinn).

Her sister, Marilyn Hartman of Topeka survives. She is also survived by nieces and nephews and many close, dear friends. Her brothers, Bernard and Richard Starr and her grandson, Christian Rossetto Nelson, predeceased her.

Joann worked for over fifty years in the legal/medical field, beginning after high school for a local law firm. She also worked for the State Central Research Staff at the Kansas Judicial Center and in Federal Court where she served three Magistrate Judges as Courtroom Deputy for eleven years. From Federal Court, she transferred to the VA Medical Center as the medical transcription coordinator. She was referred to as “Betty Crocker” as she often provided baked treats for co-workers.

Joann enjoyed cooking, baking and entertaining, especially during the holidays when she hosted cookie baking and decorating parties with friends, her grandchildren and neighborhood children. She was an avid Scrabble player. She was ever present attending her grandchildren’s sports activities and extracurricular activities.

Special thanks to her daughter, Suzanne, who acted as her medical advocate.

Visitation will be from 1-3 PM Sunday, November 20, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. The rosary will be prayed at 10:30 AM and Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 21, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, with burial following at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church in her honor for the Prayer Blanket Ministry.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Parish Rosary

NOV **21**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church
3601 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Topeka, KS 66604

Tribute Wall



“ *Joann Rossetto*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *So very sad to hear of Joann's passing. She was always very kind to me and I enjoyed our conversations very much! Being asked to sing for her service was a special honor for me and I thank Joann and the family for allowing me to do so. May she Rest In Peace.*
Douglas Cafer

Douglas Cafer - November 22, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ *Wow! We'll surely miss Joann. She gave so much as coordinator of our Christian widow/widower group. She fixed the turkeys every year for our holiday celebration. What a job! But for her, it was nothing. She really loved to cook. Always with a smile. Quite unlike the lazy folks like me, often running late and bringing something out of a can! Oh, Joann, may you now rest in peace. You deserve it! 🙏
To all her family: please accept my sympathy and prayers. May God be your comfort and strength through the days ahead. 🙏*
Bibiana Zweig

Bibiana Zweig - November 19, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ *JoAnn was a classy lady with whom I had the honor of singing with and knowing in my life...going to remember all the great fun times we had together!!*

Bernita Manos - November 19, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joann Rossetto.*



November 18, 2022 at 04:11 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joann Rossetto.*



November 18, 2022 at 03:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joann Rossetto.*



November 18, 2022 at 11:27 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies go out to her family and friends. I am lucky my Aunt Carol introduced me to Joann, she will be missed.*

Brenda Meier - November 17, 2022 at 02:42 PM

SR

“ *Our Mom was a great Mom.
Our Mom always made sure that we were dressed nice and that we had good homemade food to eat.
Our Mom was always there for us.
Our Mom helped so many people over the years she would do anything for anyone.
Our Mom is soaring on angels wings to Heaven where she deserves a place to rest in peace.
I love you Mom Stephen*

Stephen Rossetto - November 17, 2022 at 08:03 AM

AC

What a nice tribute to your mom Stephen. I wish you and family peace and comfort during this time.

Adam Crouch

Adam Crouch - November 17, 2022 at 05:41 PM

LL

I know this is not an easy time for you and I pray you and everyone involved find peace that Joanne is no longer suffering and with the angels. Your mother would only want to see love and acceptance between the family and I hope she gets to see that. I am so very proud of you for your patience in what has become and I only hope that your mother pulls you together as a family as she would want nothing less. May the days to come be filled with joyful memories of happy times. My heart is with you today. ~L

Lindsay Lumley - November 21, 2022 at 09:22 AM

AL

*Sorry to hear about the loss of your mom Bird. She was a special lady.
Alan*

Alan - December 27, 2022 at 03:17 PM

LV

“ *RIP Joann. This world was a better place with you in it.*



Lavon J. Vossen - November 16, 2022 at 10:43 AM

PM

“ *Elizabeth - I am so sorry for the loss of your grandmother. You are in my prayers. - your aunt Patti May*



patti may - November 16, 2022 at 10:24 AM

BA

“ *I have many fond memories of Joann during her years of volunteering at TPAC. Every year she made the best popcorn balls to be sold at Sweet Tooth Lane. Even today while we were seeing up for the annual gingerbread fundraiser we had shared memories of our friend Joann. We will miss your spirit and were very blessed to have you share your time and talents with us.*

Blair Adams - November 15, 2022 at 09:41 PM

CR

“ *Joan, you were the absolute best Grandmother Elizabeth could've ever wanted. I've fond memories of many wonderful holidays at your home. You will truly be missed. Prayers to all of you.*

Cynthia Rocha - November 15, 2022 at 07:40 PM

TA

“ *Joann was a constant presence at MPH M activities. She was always willing to help. Rest in pain free peace Joann. You will be greatly missed!*

Tom & Sonja Allen - November 15, 2022 at 06:27 PM

TL

“ *I worked with Joann at the Federal Courthouse in Topeka. She was a very kind woman and always had a smile on her face and was a great person to work with. My sincere sympathies to her family.*
Theresa Lundquist

Theresa Lundquist - November 15, 2022 at 05:25 PM