



## John V. Clennan

July 17, 1929 - May 18, 2017

John Vincent Clennan, 87, Topeka, Kansas, received his wish to be reunited with his beloved wife, Shirley, in the place prepared by His Lord and Savior on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

John was born July 17, 1929, in Abilene, Kansas, the son of Vincent and Marie Kelley Clennan. He was a graduate of Chapman High School and Brown Mackie College in Salina, Kansas. John served our country in the US Army in the Korean War, receiving the Purple Heart. He met the love of his life, Shirley Paxton, while delivering milk to her parents' home. They were married April 8, 1953, enjoying more than 59 years together.

John was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Church. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council from the age of 18, most recently with Council #4254, and the James W. Gibbons Fourth Degree Assembly. John was an independent insurance agent and financial advisor for more than 40 years. One of his great joys was volunteering at Stormont-Vail Hospital.

John loved dearly his family, his faith and his friends. His physical absence leaves a tremendous void in this world. Help to fill it by following his example, love generously and help others.

Grateful to have shared his life are his children, Marla Kentch (Keith), Melea

Huston (Pete), Michele Mainey (Ed), Martin Clennan (Molly) and Mark Clennan (Jennifer); 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; siblings, Joe, Larry, Jim (Lou), Leo (Doris) Clennan, Kate Davidson, Beth Clennan and Joyce Snodgrass (Bill). John was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley, children, Melanie Clennan Warren and Michael Clennan and four siblings.

Celebrating John's life, family will greet friends from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where the James W. Gibbons Fourth Degree Assembly will officiate a Chalice Ceremony at 7 p.m. followed by a rosary.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church. Burial will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Most Pure Heart of Mary Church or to Stormont-Vail Hospital for volunteer services.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 25. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Chalice Ceremony and Rosary

MAY 25. 7:00 PM (CT)

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2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

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MAY **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John V. Clennan



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Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - May 23, 2017 at 04:37 PM



“ John V. Clennan

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Dear Clennan family,  
We received word of your loss just prior to our leaving on a month long road trip & I didn't get on the web to find this prior to our leaving. Though my husband , John (Jack) Zeller, knew your parents, I had only met them a couple of times at the Zeller reunions we attended in St. Marys. I so enjoyed visiting with them & used to get cute e-mails from your dad. We were shocked & saddened by his lost as we didn't know he was ill & pictured him as he was the last time we had seen him. Know our thoughts & prayers were with you at your time of sorrow. He will be missed.

John (Jack) & Lyda Zeller  
Kennewick, WA

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Jack & Lyda Zeller - July 15, 2017 at 06:38 PM

CT

“ Dear Clennan cousins, you kids were very fortunate to have such awesome parents! We did so enjoy coming with our Dad to visit. Your house was filled with fun and love and kids! Thank goodness for our faith in our Lord and Savior for the pain and loss or our loved ones would be unbearable. Peace be with you all, The Zeller girls. Mary Kay, Connie, Marlene and Kathy Jo

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**Connie Zeller Townsend** - May 24, 2017 at 08:36 PM

SG

“ Oops! Auto-correct hits again! The Clennan family....not the Clean family!

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**Susan Gilliland** - May 24, 2017 at 11:40 AM

SG

“ Condolences to all the Clean family. I never knew John, but have many memories of the Clennan family from our visits to our grandparents, William and Florence Mustard. Specifically, I remember Beth, Barbara, and Joyce. Susan Mustard Gilliland (Topeka, KS)

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**Susan Gilliland** - May 24, 2017 at 11:39 AM

MO

“ To all of Johns family, I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I could say so many things about John but I think the thing I am so happy to be able to say is that he was my Friend. So many good times I had with him and lots of memories. He will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers to all of you. God Bless.

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**Matt Overbey** - May 24, 2017 at 09:27 AM

PW

“ Patrick J Weissbeck purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of John V. Clennan.



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**Patrick J Weissbeck** - May 23, 2017 at 09:08 AM

KK

“ Where do I start? John was a bright light in this dark world. His hugs could make anybody's day and he loved to share them. His love for his family was apparent and his love for Shirley was great. When I first told him I was pregnant over 8 years ago he would always ask me how John Jr was doing and then when we had our daughter she was always Johnette. He could always bring a smile to your face and that was one of the many things I appreciated about him. May he rest in peace, I know Shirley is glad to have him with her. Thoughts and prayers for his family.

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**Katie Kaberline** - May 22, 2017 at 01:14 PM

 Leslie Land

“ Leslie Land lit a candle in memory of John V. Clennan



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**Leslie Land** - May 22, 2017 at 06:38 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of John V. Clennan.*



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May 21, 2017 at 09:12 PM



“ *To John's family,  
I am sorry to hear of your Dad and grandfather's passing. He was a friendly and helpful man. My prayers are with you.  
God Bless,  
Rick Strecker*

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**Rick Strecker** - May 21, 2017 at 08:27 PM



“ *My Heart breaks for your loss. I know your family has endured a lot and I pray God will be by your side to hold you up when you feel like falling down. Prayers to your family in this time of sorrow.*

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**Jaye Parkerson** - May 21, 2017 at 07:54 PM

CI

“ My Deepest Sympathy goes out to you in your Loss. Cherish all of the Memorys of your Dad, Grandpa, Uncle or whatever John was to you. When I was little I always remember him whizzing through and stopping by my Aunt Margie's house. I will never forget his Hugs and that Smile on his face ! I am Blessed to have such a Loving and Beautiful Family in my life. Thinking of you all at this sad time. Even though you are gone you will not be forgotten and will always be in our Hearts. Just remember : Life is short. Love one another and be Kind and try to Help others when you can. LoVe you all, Cindy & Elton

Cindy - May 21, 2017 at 09:46 AM

RW

“ Rick Weissbeck lit a candle in memory of John V. Clennan



Rick Weissbeck - May 20, 2017 at 05:35 AM

RW

R.I.P.

Rick Weissbeck - May 20, 2017 at 05:37 AM

MC

John Clennan we will miss you! What a joy u are to be around, now you will have new audience....they so lucky KY, kisses to u, til we meet Again! Love Kelley, Meg & amanda

Meg clennan - May 20, 2017 at 01:46 PM

CC

*Prayers and peaceful thoughts with all of Uncle John's family. Amazing man. An inspiration. No matter what was thrown his way, he smiled. He will be truly missed. God bless and peace be with you. Craig Clennan*

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**Craig Clennan** - May 22, 2017 at 08:44 AM

KD

*To John's family -  
Our most heartfelt condolences on the loss of this wonderful man. Know that he is now where he most wanted to be, at the side of his beloved Shirley, and he hurts no more. The sun is surely shining in Heaven, as the sky weeps here on Earth. He's putting smiles on the faces of angels, because John's smile was so contagious. And beautiful. He smiled with his eyes and from his heart. He had a talent for making you feel like you mattered. Oh, how I will miss his flirting and hugs, for John's hugs were so very special to me. Our hearts ache for your loss, and for ours, for he was a dear friend and much loved. He will, indeed, be missed.  
Téigh le Dia, cara daor.*

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**Kim & Mark Davis** - May 22, 2017 at 09:47 AM

MP

*Sending condolences on the passing of your beloved family member. Peace of God be with you.*

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**Michelle Peters** - May 23, 2017 at 09:16 AM

RB

*Michele and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Robin Bell** - May 23, 2017 at 10:03 PM

DF

*I only worked with John a short time when they were merged into Hussey. Great guy and fun to be around. He will be missed.*

*Dick Feldman*

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**Dick Feldman** - May 25, 2017 at 01:55 PM