



## John M. Fries

March 9, 1931 - December 11, 2018

John Maynard Fries, 87, Topeka, Kansas, passed away peacefully on December 11, 2018.

John was born on March 9, 1931, in Ellis, Kansas, the son of John and Minnie Dietrich Fries. He graduated from Meriden High School in 1949. John served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict from 1951 to 1953. He was stationed at Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix, Arizona. John was employed by Stauffer Communications in Topeka from 1950 to 1994, where he retired as General Manager of Capper's Insurance. He was past President of Shawnee County Amateur Baseball Association, where he managed a number of baseball teams.

John married Joan Spielman on September 29, 1951, in the Chapel at Luke Air Force Base, she survives. Other survivors include son, Kevin Fries (Grace); daughter, Pam Frick (John); and six grandchildren, Jillian Bruenn (Jason), Jenna Frick, Audrey Frick, Noah Frick, Sophia Frick and Natalie Frick.

Family was everything to John. He served his family in many roles throughout his life and being a grandfather brought the greatest joy to him. John carefully toiled over his garden and shared the fruits of his labors with family and friends. He was also an avid sports fan and loved his KU basketball.

Visitation will be 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 14, 2018, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 15, 2018, at First Lutheran Church, 1234 Fairlawn Road, Topeka KS 66604. Burial with military honors to follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to First Lutheran Church or Great Lakes Caring sent in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **14**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

DEC **15**. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
1234 SW Fairlawn Road  
Topeka, KS 66604

# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John M. Fries



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - December 13, 2018 at 08:59 PM



“ John M. Fries

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Sending thoughts and prayers on the passing of your Father. Kathy Pflaum

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**kathy pflaum** - December 20, 2018 at 01:12 PM

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“ *Mrs. Fries, Kevin, Pam, and all of the family. Our hearts and prayers are with you.*

*Though I only had the honor of visiting with Mr. Fries on a few occasions it was obvious that his family was everything to him . The love that you would see in his grandchildren's faces while in his presence was simply amazing. The way Pam( his daughter/my friend) would speak about her Dad was something we all hope for as parents. We pray that our children will love us, make time for us, and enjoy being with us. Mr Fries had all of those things and so much more from his family. What a testament to a life well lived. May we all be so blessed.*

*Love and Prayers Always,  
Dannetta Pappert*

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**Dannetta Pappert** - December 14, 2018 at 03:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John M. Fries.*



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December 14, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John M. Fries.*



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December 12, 2018 at 08:30 PM