



John Triggs

November 8, 1929 - December 21, 2018

John Edwin Triggs, 89, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Friday, December 21, 2018.

John was born November 8, 1929, in Bremerton, Washington, the son of Patrick and Brigid Mooney Triggs. John married Mary Burns in Valley Falls, Kansas, on June 18, 1955. He earned his M. Ed and Ed. S. from University of Kansas. John was a Teacher and Principal at Tecumseh North Grade School. He worked as a University Administrator at Washburn University for over 20 years and retired in 1991. He was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. John served on the Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish School Board, Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish Council and Topeka Catholic School Board. John was a member and past President of Phi Delta Kappa, past President of Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers and a committee member of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

John is survived by his wife; children, Jim (Mary Ann), John (Dian), Brigid, Tim (Angie) and Ann; grandchildren, Ryan (Jes), Cody, Carly, Mary, Tanner, Madeline, Caleb, Dan, Mike (Margaret), Joe, John and Brigid; three great-granddaughters, Avery, Emerson and Iris; and son-in-law, Jay Linder. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Tom, Mary Agnes, Patrick, Charlie and Sister Ann Therese.

Visitation will be 9 to 9:30 a.m. Thursday, December 27, 2018, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, with parish rosary being prayed at 9:30 a.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Church, with burial to follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Most Pure Heart of Mary Church or Most Pure Heart of Mary-Ministry of The Aging, 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

Visitation

DEC 27. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

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

Rosary

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Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Triggs*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Never pass up a chance to visit a family member or loved as it may be your last last chance. What a great visit we had Feb. 2017. Patty Triggs and Jim Trindle*



Patty Triggs - January 03, 2019 at 05:43 PM



“ *Dear Brigid & family, I am so sorry for your loss & pray you find comfort in your faith knowing he is at peace in the arms of Jesus & you will see him again in paradise. Hold him close in your heart & those beautiful, sweet memories. Love, Kathy (Gardner) McKee*

Kathy McKee - December 29, 2018 at 08:26 PM



“ *Extending our prayers and sympathy to the Triggs Family.*

Dominic A. Gutierrez Sr - December 29, 2018 at 04:47 PM

RD

“ Jim and family: Sorry to hear of your Dads passing. I always enjoyed visiting with him.

Dick Durow

Richard C Durow - December 28, 2018 at 04:56 PM

CT

“ My Uncle was always an inspiration and a delight, he will be missed by many who truly loved him.

RIP Uncle John!!!

Chuck Triggs

Chuck Triggs - December 27, 2018 at 09:07 PM

PP

“ To the Triggs Family-my condolences to all of you on the passing of John. Patrick Pfeiffer

Patrick Pfeiffer - December 26, 2018 at 03:34 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John Triggs.



December 26, 2018 at 02:35 PM

MS

“ *Brigid, I'm so sorry to hear of your dads passing. He was always so kind to us kids! My mom and dad always thought so highly of your parents. Truly giving people. Please give my condolences to your mom and the rest of the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Big hugs!*
Mary T

Mary T. Schnellbacher-Decker - December 26, 2018 at 01:41 PM

GH

“ *Jim, Mary Ann, Ryan and family,*
Sorry to learn of your father's passing.
Gene & Kari Hotchkiss

Gene Hotchkiss - December 26, 2018 at 11:43 AM

SB

“ *Sarah Burgess purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of John Triggs.*



Sarah Burgess - December 26, 2018 at 09:26 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John Triggs.*



December 26, 2018 at 08:14 AM

KS

“ Dear Mary and family, please know that you are in my prayers and thoughts. Remembering John has brought tears a few times this past week. He was such a dear friend to me and my family dating back to elementary school at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Bremerton, Washington where John grew up. He still has many of us who remember his leadership (CYO), kindness and friendship. We all loved his sense of humor. We mostly admired his strong faith. He was best man at our wedding and God father to my husband when he was Baptized the year after we were married. We missed him when he moved to Kansas with his bride, Mary (my cousin), but always maintained contact with him frequently over the years. We will miss his great Christmas letter. With love and prayers, Kathy Snider and family and the Carl Wenzl family.

Kathleen Snider - December 25, 2018 at 11:47 AM

JS

“ We were so sad to hear the news of John's passing. John and Mary were our dear neighbors in Topeka when we lived on Campbell and became good friends that we could always count on after that. When Jack and I and our son Shawn attended Washburn we could always count on John in so many ways. Even tho' we didn't get to see him often after our move to Phoenix he will be sadly missed...a man of wisdom and kindness.
Jack & Nadine Swartz

Jack & Nadine Swartz - December 24, 2018 at 07:18 PM

LB

“ I am grateful to Mr. Triggs for being a part of my first professional job at Washburn in the Admissions office in 1989. He taught me a lot during my time there and I still remember some of his tricks to remember students.

Linda Oldham Burns

Linda Oldham Burns - December 24, 2018 at 01:57 PM

BS

“ *Jim, John, and Brigid,*

Please accept our condolences for the recent death of your father. My memories of John Sr. are from the 1970s when John Jr and I came back from a religious retreat (The Search). Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

- Bob Seitz (along with my mother, Betty, wife Laura, and the rest of the Seitz family).

Bob Seitz - December 24, 2018 at 11:49 AM

CS

“ *Dear Mary & Family, You & your family are in our thoughts & prayers. We have so many fond memories of Mr. Triggs. He was a wonderful, caring, kind man! He was an amazing boss during my college years in the Registrar's Office at WU. Mr. Triggs was also my principal in elementary school. My parents so enjoyed the many shared luncheons at WU with John & Mary & the many years of friendship going way back to Tecumseh North. Mr. Triggs was a great man & He will be greatly missed!*

Sincerely, Cheryl (Proper) Sterling

Cheryl (Proper) Sterling - December 23, 2018 at 11:19 PM

SD

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of John Triggs. He was a great man with a kind heart. My family are good friends with his and have been for over 50 years through the Tecumseh, Washburn, and Most Pure Heart days. The Dodson Family`s hearts and prayers are out for John and his entire family. The last time we saw John and Mary was at our dad`s funeral. John passed away on December 21st at age 89. Our dad, Lee Dodson passed away on December 21st, 2013 also at age 89. God Bless the Triggs!

Steven Lee Dodson - December 23, 2018 at 11:15 PM

LH

“ Brigid and Ann and family-So sorry for your loss. Your father was a wonderful man. I have fond memories of him at Washburn. May your memories comfort you during this time.
My best Liz Zirger Hochscheid

Liz Zirger Hochscheid - December 23, 2018 at 11:14 PM

 Rick
King

“ Mr Triggs was my bus driver when I was in first grade and a wonderful Principle at Tecumseh North. He was so kind to me. I am saddened at his passing and send my sincere condolences to his family.

Rick King - December 23, 2018 at 10:00 PM

DR

“ To Mary and family.....my memories go way back to Tecumseh North School in the Shawnee Hts. district. Mr. Triggs and Mr. Dodds were the principals when Duane started teaching & coaching at Tecumseh North. John was always admired and respected by Duane and myself. I'm sure if Duane was still around he would bring up many fun memories of those days gone by!
I send my love and heart felt sympathy to you Mary and the family during this difficult time of loss. Please know I care.
In loving Memory,
Deanna Roudybush

Deanna Roudybussh - December 23, 2018 at 04:50 PM

SP

“ John was a very good Christian man. My father (Harvey Latshaw) spoke highly of him. They both served Most Pure Heart of Mary parish on serveral committees at the same time. We only know them as parishioners of MPHM and greeted each other when attending the same Mass time.
Our deepest sympathy for your lose of a husband, a father, a mentor and friend. Stephanie (Latshaw) and Ruben Perez

stephanie perez - December 23, 2018 at 03:06 PM

 Pete
Tavares

“ To the Triggs family, please accept Elena's, my Mother, Maria Guadalupe, my sister, Jenny, brothers, Frank, Thomas & Paul in offering our thoughts, prayers, condolences & most of all our THANKS to your entire family for sharing this man with us. Our memories of Tecumseh North, especially mine of your Father driving ole #7 school bus & letting me ride on the heater so my polio damaged legs could be warm, allowing me to operate the stop sign....(shearing so so many lynch pins in my haste) will NEVER be forgotten by us. My Mother had the honor of sharing Holy Communion with him a few years back & I was given the privledge to visit with him & he to was a polio survivor. He was ALWAYS the sharpest dressed, standing taller, straighter, sharper than ANY USMC drill instructor, walking the hall of his domain his heels clicking with every step. Thank you again for sharing him with us. THANK YOU, Mr. Triggs, may God bless you, watch over your family & may you Rest In Peace, Sir. You are & will continue to be in my daily prayers. Please say hello to Mr. Wetter, Roudybush, Wienkauf, Unruh, Bradley, Mrs. Zimmerman, Northington & Ms. Burns and all your fellow Tecumseh North Chieftans.

Pete Tavares - December 23, 2018 at 12:48 PM

 Rick
King

Well spoken my friend 💖

Rick King - December 23, 2018 at 10:01 PM

TT

“ Tommy, Patty, Theresa, Michael, and Gregory Triggs purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of John Triggs.



Tommy, Patty, Theresa, Michael, and Gregory Triggs -
December 23, 2018 at 12:02 PM

RL

“ Tim and family,
So sorry to hear the passing of you dad. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Randy and Shelly Luebbe

Randy Luebbe - December 23, 2018 at 10:41 AM

SC

“ Tim, Angie, and Family,
May wonderful memories of your dad and grandpa help you through this difficult time. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.
Fondly, Susan and Rod Chilson

Susan chilson - December 23, 2018 at 08:52 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Triggs.



December 22, 2018 at 05:16 PM

MA

“*play hard pray hard*”

mary - December 21, 2018 at 09:19 PM