



## Joseph Breitenstein

March 19, 1926 - November 5, 2012

Joseph Edward Breitenstein, 86, Topeka, passed away Monday, November 5, 2012. Joseph Breitenstein was born near Paxico, Kansas on March 19, 1926. He was the son of Henry John Breitenstein and Otilia Schuetze and was a graduate of Paxico Rural High School. Mr. Breitenstein was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean War and also the Army Reserves. He graduated from Kansas State University with a BS Accounting degree with honors, later studying at USC, Northwestern and Washburn Universities. He was a member of Beta Alpha Psi, an honorary business fraternity. He worked for the Santa Fe Railroad in the Accounting Department and retired as Manager of Forecasting and Statistics. Mr. Breitenstein was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, Knights of Columbus, Council No. 534 and the James W. Gibbons Fourth Degree Assembly. On November 16, 1963 he was married to Lucy Meinhardt Grice. She survives. He is also survived by one son, Joseph A. Breitenstein (Brandy) Overland Park KS; four step-daughters, Linda Gaulding (Bill, dec.) Lenexa KS, Cara McNair (Joe) Overland Park KS, Kim Ross (Mike) Castle Rock CO, Mary Smith (Chad) Lawrence KS; and one step-son, Alfred Grice, Jr. (Edna) Chino CA; one grandchild, nine step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren. After his retirement, he was an active volunteer for many Topeka non-profit organizations, including Historic Ward Meade Park and Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners. In addition, he was an officer and board member for Gardeners of America, Santa Fe Credit Union, Topeka

Genealogical Society and Topeka Garden Council. The deceased was widely recognized for his expertise in gardening and German genealogical research and had German research articles published in various nationally known genealogical publications. In addition to Topeka Genealogical Society, he was also a member of Wabaunsee County Historical Society, German Research Association, German Genealogical Society of America, Scott County Iowa Genealogical Society and Oberholzer Family Association. Mr. Breitenstein's family will greet friends from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd. Topeka, KS 66614, where a parish rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial with military honors will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Newbury KS. Memorial contributions may be made to Topeka Genealogical Society or Benedictine Sisters Retirement Fund, sent in care of the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Breitenstein*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Thinking of you and hoping your memories of the wonderful times shared with Joe will comfort you and your family today and always. Joe will have a lasting memory with all who got to know him during his years with the Topeka Genealogy Society and will certainly be missed.*

**Rachella Briggs** - November 13, 2012 at 11:34 AM



“ *Deeply saddened to hear of Joe's passing. What a wonderful video of photos of his and your family's life. I remember sitting at the breakfast table with the whole family when we were very young. Best wishes to all of you.*

**Donna Kraus Perry** - November 11, 2012 at 02:47 PM



“ *Lucy-Remember the happy times .My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. In sisterly love, K*

**Kay Grant** - November 08, 2012 at 03:44 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family for your loss. Er geht mit Gott.*

**Jan volz Burgardt** - November 08, 2012 at 12:29 PM

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“ *Cara, we are sorry for your loss. We wish you and your family comfort at this tough time. Blessings,*  
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**Verl Holmes** - November 07, 2012 at 04:03 PM

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“ *Hello, Lucy*  
*I was saddened to learn of Joe's passing. I remember both of you so fondly from the German classes you took with me at Washburn. It was a good number of years ago, but time passes quickly and it doesn't seem so long ago. You both added so much to the classes and it was a real pleasure to get to know you both. You have my heartfelt sympathy in your loss.*

*Carol Vogel*

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**Carol Vogel** - November 07, 2012 at 01:12 PM

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“ *Our condolences to Linda, Cara and your family. I thought it was interesting that he studied at USC like John and was active in his German heritage (like my family). The Germans are pretty strong about their past*

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**Alan Bowes and Susan Beezley** - November 07, 2012 at 09:34 AM