



## Katherine "Kay" Jolly

November 9, 1917 - January 14, 2006

Katherine W. Jolly, aged 88, passed away on January 14th at Midland Hospice House in Topeka. She was preceded in death by her husband, James J. Jolly, on 5-16-04, her parents, George and Isabel McElroy Watson, her brothers, David and George W. Watson and her sister, Anna Watson. She is survived by her four children, Carol Jolly, Topeka, Tom Jolly and wife, Ila, of Auburn, Ks., James Jolly, Jr. and wife, Darlene, of Wichita, Ks. and daughter, Jeanine Tarrant and husband, Jeff, of Albuquerque, N.M. She had four granddaughters, Kim Jolly, Englewood, Fl., Jennifer Vanini, Hinesburg, Vt., Stacy Lynn Alcalá, Denver, Co. and Devon Jolly, Wichita, Ks.; grandsons, Sean Jolly, Lawrence, Ks. and Jason Jolly, Wichita, Ks.; and her great-grandson, Aiden Leonardo Vanini, Hinesburg, Vt.; her nieces, Judy Gunn, Apache Junction, Az., Linda Watson, Golena, Md., Nancy Cantwell, Philadelphia, Pa. and nephew, David Watson, Kent Wash. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law, Florence Clancy and Norine Jolly, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Kay Jolly was born 11-9-1917, in Philadelphia, Pa. She graduated from Haverford High School and the Bryn Mawr Hospital School of Nursing. She was a well regarded nurse having worked in several hospitals during her long career serving in both clinical and administrative positions. She was a member of the American Nurses Association, the American Business Women's Association in Owensboro, Ky., and chosen as their Woman of the

Year. She was also proud to be chosen as a Kentucky Colonel. Both before and after her retirement, she was a tireless community volunteer including her work with Hospice and many care giving and fund raising projects for the communities in which she lived.

Kay and her husband, Jim, enjoyed retired years in Hobe Sound, Florida before they moved to Kansas in 2003. They left behind many good friends whom they missed after moving to Kansas. A memorial service celebrating Kay's life will be at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., on Saturday, January 28, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial for the family will be celebrated at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church at 10:30 Saturday morning. Inurnment at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pa., will follow at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Midland Hospice, 200 SW Frazier Cir., Topeka, KS 66606, or the Ministry to the Aging at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3601 SW 17th St., Topeka KS 66604.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Katherine "Kay" Jolly*

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“ *To Jim and Darlene and all the family,  
Tom and I are so sorry for your loss and pray that God brings peace  
and comfort to your family.*

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**Kaye & Tom Brown** - February 03, 2006 at 09:50 PM