



## Kathleen Turner

September 19, 1946 - February 9, 2022

Kathleen “Kathy” Turner, 75, Topeka, Kansas, passed away at her home February 9, 2022.

Kathy was born September 19, 1946, in Great Bend, Kansas to Wilbur and Margaret MacDonald Alexander. She was a 1965 graduate of Topeka West High School and earned a Bachelor of Education from Washburn University in 1985. Kathy attended Bible College and served in various ministries throughout her life. In recent years, she was a member of Topeka Bible Church. Kathy was a prayer warrior and had a devout love of Jesus which she shared with those she met along the way.

Although employed by the State of Kansas until retirement, Kathy’s true legacy was teaching. While working for the state, Kathy also worked with individuals with disabilities. She educated adults to remain as independent as possible at home and in the community.

When Kathy retired from the state, she recertified as a K-12 teacher, and taught in Kansas City and then in Topeka. Kathy had a soft and compassionate heart for adults with special needs and children in the classroom, as well as her own three children at home.

Kathy was a creative and accomplished artisan. Through the years she

painted, sculpted, drew and sketched, completed several quilts, hand crafted clothing, completed several wood carvings, and a plethora of ceramics. All of which she leaves to her family to cherish.

Kathleen's survivors include her daughter, Valerie Mize and her husband, Michael; son, Gavin Turner and his wife, Katie, all of Topeka; grandchildren, Lucie and Simon Mize, Zoe Turner, Connor Glasscock, Claire Glasscock, Jacob Turner and Alice Turner; her sister, Marla Leise, Olympia WA; sisters-in-law, Debbie Alexander, Henderson NV and Terri Alexander, Phoenix AZ; and many nieces and nephews.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents, her son, Jason Turner, and brothers, Vance Kevin Alexander and Vale Alexander.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 28, at Topeka Bible Church, 1101 SW Mulvane Street, in the Parlor.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kathy's favorite charity, Boys Town, 14100 Crawford St. Boys Town NE 68010.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR **28**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Topeka Bible Church  
1101 SW Mulvane Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kathleen Turner*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Kathleen Turner.*



March 25, 2022 at 10:43 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kathleen Turner.*



March 25, 2022 at 02:40 PM



“ *Matt, Kate, Bridgette, Marla Leise purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kathleen Turner.*



**Matt, Kate, Bridgette, Marla Leise** - March 04, 2022 at 06:06 PM

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“ *Kathy, my sweet, loving sister. I miss your beautiful face, your smile, your blue eyes and golden hair. I miss your tender heart and loving nature. I miss your presence. I miss sharing our joy, our worries, and talk of our childhood memories. I miss sharing scriptures and favorite hymns, and hearing your beautiful singing voice. I miss your excellent cooking and delicious pies. I miss sharing our family news. I miss your wonderful sense of humor and laughter. I miss your insight and quick wit and your generous ways of sharing. I'll treasure these lovely memories, until we meet again. Marla*

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**Marla Alexander Leise** - March 04, 2022 at 05:16 PM

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“ *Vale was the Rythum Guitarist in the band I was in ('63-'67), 'The Blu-Js'. Kathy hung around when we practiced. She had a cute giggle and a fun spirit. She had some rough times and stayed with my Mom for a few months about 1970. Im glad to see that her life was fulfilling and she became a Christian! I know that I will see her again in Heaven! May GOD hold you in His arms. I LOVE YOU!!*

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**Mike Hamblim** - February 24, 2022 at 05:37 PM