



## Loretta Schwerdt

November 27, 1925 - May 19, 2022

Loretta A. Schwerdt, 96, Topeka, Kansas, passed away peacefully Thursday, May 19, 2022.

Loretta was born November 27, 1925, in Grinnell, Kansas, to Joseph and Ann Zimmerman Manhart. She attended grade school in a one room schoolhouse, graduated from Sheridan County High School, Hoxie, in 1943 and attended Strickler's Business College in Topeka. Loretta retired as a timekeeper for Santa Fe Railroad with 19 years of service.

On June 7, 1948, Loretta and Edward G. Schwerdt were united in marriage at Assumption Catholic Church, Topeka, enjoying almost 74 years together.

Loretta and Ed were founding members of St. Matthew Catholic Church, where she was a member of the Altar Guild. She had been a member of the Ladies of Camelot, Ladies of Columbus, St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary, Santa Fe Women's Club, and the American Historical Society of Germans From Russia. She volunteered at St. Francis Hospital and the Topeka Blood Bank. Loretta was active in ceramic painting and an award-winning cake decorator with a cake decorating business for many years. She was currently a member of Christ the King Catholic Church and the Daughters of Isabella.

Grateful to have shared Loretta's life are her husband, Ed; children, Barbara

Schwerdt, Greg Schwerdt, Mark Schwerdt (Cindy), Chris Schwerdt (Candy) and Kent Schwerdt (Julie); 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren

Loretta was preceded in death by her daughter, Marcia Ann Schwerdt, grandson, Corey Schwerdt, granddaughter, Hanna Schwerdt, and all her siblings.

Visitation will be 5 until 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, at Christ the King Church, where the Daughters of Isabella will lead the rosary at 4:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Church. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Let's Help, Christ the King Church, St. Matthew Church or Hayden Catholic High School and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Daughters of Isabella will lead the rosary

MAY **24.** 4:30 PM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church  
5973 SW 25th St  
Topeka, KS 66614-1973  
(785) 273-0710

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Loretta Schwerdt*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear Ed: Claudia and I are so sorry to hear about Loretta's passing. We think of you more often than you may realize. You see, I never forgot your retirement wish when you asked that friends send Santa Fe hats to add to your collection. At the time I had over one hundred hats from various Divisions and events that related to the Santa Fe. I asked my secretary, as they were still called in those days, to send the entire collection to you in honor of your retirement. Literally, years later, I came to realize she never sent those hats to you as she had overlooked the request during a time we were having what seemed like an endless period of crisis events on the Los Angeles Division. With the passage of time I regretted the oversight but felt it was a bit late to correct the oversight. I never forgot that incident and still think of you often as I am right now.*

*With our most sincere regrets we send out hopes for your well being and the treasured memories of almost 74 years of marriage. That in itself is a rare and beautiful thing.*

*Jack and Claudia Fields*

Jack & Claudia Fields - May 26, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ *Ed, Janet and I offer our most sincere condolences for your loss of Loretta. So sorry that we never had an opportunity to meet her. Prayers for your strength.*

*Janet and Bob Hawbaker*

Bob Hawbaker - May 26, 2022 at 08:29 AM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss

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**D and Connie Bailey** - May 26, 2022 at 07:23 AM

PS

“ Holding all who loved her in our hearts. May the sweet memories you have give you comfort at this difficult time.

*Paulette & Stacey*

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**Paulette Schwerdt** - May 25, 2022 at 04:04 PM

KH

“ Sending our prayers for Ed and the entire family. Loretta was a wonderful lady! Debbie cherishes the ceramic Easter eggs that Loretta gave her and we have many fond memories of sitting behind you guys in church. God Bless your family.

*Keith & Debbie Hunter*

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**Keith & Debbie Hunter** - May 25, 2022 at 11:08 AM

TP

“ Praying for all the Schwerdt family. I am sure your faith will guide you through this difficult time and your family memories will bring a smile to your face. Godspeed.

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**Tom and Leslie Palace** - May 25, 2022 at 04:34 AM

NK

*Dear Ed, So sorry to have missed Loretta's funeral. May she RIP, and may the Good Lord welcome her into His eternal kingdom where he has prepared a place for her. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May the Lord continue to give you His peace. Blessings, Netti*

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**Netti Kostecki** - May 27, 2022 at 03:06 AM

DS

“ Ed and family- we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Loretta was a wonderful lady and touched many lives. She will be in our prayers.

*Dan and Mary Sanders*

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**Dan Sanders** - May 23, 2022 at 10:08 PM

BS

“ Prayers for her and all who loved her.

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**Bruce Schreiner** - May 23, 2022 at 03:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Loretta Schwerdt.



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May 23, 2022 at 12:33 PM

 Angie Byttner

“ *Such a lovely and classy lady lady. She will be missed. Prayers sent to the family in your time of sorrow. Angie and Mike Byttner*



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**Angie Byttner** - May 23, 2022 at 09:36 AM

JF

“ *Such a wonderful woman, and an incredibly kind family. May God keep her comforted.*

*The Federico Family*

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**John Federico** - May 23, 2022 at 06:06 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Loretta Schwerdt.



May 23, 2022 at 06:00 AM



“ Sending prayers for all of your family.

*Diana (Smith) Sutphen*

**DIANA R SUTPHEN** - May 22, 2022 at 03:47 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.



**kimberly Merillat** - May 22, 2022 at 01:06 PM



“ To the Schwerdt family my thoughts and prayers are with all of you

**Robert Grace** - May 22, 2022 at 08:35 AM



“ To all of you, Eddie and family. Many memories growing up sharing times together. John and I remember the time when you, Eddie, and Loretta visited us. That was very special. Prayers and love for to all of you. Love Diana and John.

**Diana & John Booze** - May 21, 2022 at 09:59 PM

LK

“ So Very Sorry to hear this Sad News. Mike and I and our entire family want to send our Love and Prayers to the entire Schwerdt Family !!

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**Linda Knudson** - May 21, 2022 at 07:37 PM

VC

“ To the entire Schwerdt family,  
I had the joy and honor of sharing a desk in Timekeeping at ATSF with Loretta in the early 80's. We celebrated my birthdays and baby showers with her wonderful cakes. She let me tag along to ceramics at Bernie's to learn how to make a Christmas tree for my Mom. Her example of being a loving mother was never lost on me and I hope I've done her proud. She may have never realized the lessons she taught by example, but they were many and not forgotten. I am just one of many she left her indelible touch on, and for that I'm forever grateful. She will be missed.  
My heartfelt condolences to all as you navigate these difficult days without her.  
Vicki (Dailey) Coulter

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**Vicki Coulter** - May 21, 2022 at 03:48 PM

LV

“ RIP Loretta. You and Ed have been part of our family history for many many years. Enjoyed working w/you volunteering at St. Francis and bought lots of your cards.

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**Lavon J. Vossen** - May 21, 2022 at 10:42 AM

BM

“ Greg and Family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. So very sorry of your loss. May Loretta rest in peace.

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**Barbara M Montgomery** - May 21, 2022 at 09:36 AM

JG

“ Loretta was one of my favorite cousins. She always radiated beauty and kindness. May her beautiful soul rest in pax.

Joe E. Geist,  
Fayette, Mo.

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**JOe Geist** - May 21, 2022 at 09:08 AM

MD

“ So sorry to hear of Loretta’s passing. She never missed sending a card on birthdays and anniversaries. Always very kind and thoughtful to others. I will miss her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

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**Mathena-Menke Donna** - May 21, 2022 at 08:51 AM

BR

“ God bless your family. The Essers have very good memories of Ed and Loretta, since they were such good friends to Tillie and Leonard. .

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**Barb and Greg Reser** - May 21, 2022 at 05:34 AM

NP

“ Ed and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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**Nancy Page** - May 20, 2022 at 11:38 PM

CD

“ So very sorry for your loss. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

*Cheryl Martin Dew*

Cheryl Dew - May 20, 2022 at 10:33 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Loretta Schwerdt.



May 20, 2022 at 09:43 PM

JS

“ To the entire Schwerdt family - You have our sincere sympathy and condolences on Loretta's passing. May God bless you all.

John and Lori Spain - May 20, 2022 at 06:07 PM

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John and Lori Spain - May 20, 2022 at 06:06 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Loretta Schwerdt.



May 20, 2022 at 05:30 PM

SM

“ Aunt Loretta, What an awesome aunt!

*My memories go way back to when she was decorating cakes and painting ceramics, which I later took up because of her lovely work.*

*She was always so sweet and warm and ready for a hug. God bless the entire Schwerdt family who will miss her so. We know where she has gone and we will see her again one day.*

*A loving niece, Sharon Munger*

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**Sharon Munger** - May 20, 2022 at 05:26 PM

SB

*Ed, Barbara, Greg, Mark, Chris and Kent  
Your Wife & Mother was such a "beautiful" person, inside and out. Gracious, but such fun! Used to love seeing them lead the Grand March at the Wedding dances. They loved to dance! She will be missed by so many! Our prayers for your families.  
John & Sally Brooke*

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**Sally Brooke** - May 21, 2022 at 12:30 PM

DW

*Ed and family: Your mother was such a classy and fun lady, and the sweetest little gal you could ever hope to meet in one's lifetime. We served as officers together for the old Santa Fe Women's Club, and I so enjoyed all the fun times we had during our terms. She will be dearly missed by so many who were very lucky to have known her. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless You All. Dee & Larry Woodson*

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**Dee & Larry Woodson** - May 24, 2022 at 03:51 PM