



Lydia Schmidt

February 17, 1967 - May 13, 2016

Lydia Ann Schmidt, 49, Topeka, passed away at her home, surrounded by her family, Friday, May 13, 2016, after a valiant battle with ovarian cancer.

Lydia was born February 17, 1967, in Topeka KS, the daughter of Antonio and Pauline Palacio Gutierrez. She was a proud graduate of Sacred Heart Catholic Grade School, Hayden High School in 1985 and the University of Kansas, earning a bachelor degree in Business Communication.

On September 15, 1990, Lydia and Kevin Schmidt were united in marriage at Sacred Heart Church. They enjoyed more than 25 years together.

Lydia was a human resources manager for Hill's Pet Nutrition, a job that she treasured and at which she excelled for 15 years. She enjoyed traveling for her job and with family, especially her short time living in New Jersey. Lydia was a vital and active member of Mater Dei Parish where she was a cantor; music was an integral part of her life. She served in many volunteer capacities and enjoyed many amazing friendships.

Not only did Lydia excel at her job but also as a mother who loved and cherished her children and their talents, actively supporting all their activities. In her honor, her family has established Lydia's Lending Library at St. Francis Health Center to help support those going through cancer treatment. Lydia

was larger than life. She was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend. She will be dearly missed.

Grateful to have shared her life are her husband, Kevin Schmidt; children, Stephen, Isabel, Mary, Claire and Sarah, of the home; mother, Pauline Gutierrez, Topeka; siblings, Lisa Houser (Mike) Overland Park KS, Lori Wickliffe (Kevin) Lawrence KS, Andrew Gutierrez (Amy) Salisbury MD, Ron Gutierrez (Aggie) Overland Park KS and Deb Hunter (Jeffrey) Mayetta; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, her father and her brother, Vincent Gutierrez.

Family will greet friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Mater Dei Holy Name Catholic Church, 1114 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604, where a parish rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Church. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Mater Dei Grade School, 934 SW Clay Street, Topeka KS 66606

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mater Dei Holy Name Church
1114 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Rosary

MAY 17. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Lydia Schmidt

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Sabine & Alex with Annabel, Alexandra and Oliver purchased the Cheeseboard Complete for the family of Lydia Schmidt.



Sabine & Alex with Annabel, Alexandra and Oliver - May 18, 2016 at 03:58 PM



“ Dear Kevin, Stephen, Isabel, Mary, Claire and Sarah,

we are deeply saddened by the news of Lydia's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the Gutierrez/Schmidt family. Just know that we are here for you, just a phone call away. We feel thankful and blessed for the time we shared with Lydia. There are so many memories, all the fun and good conversations! Lydia's honest and positive attitude and advice will be missed but also remembered forever. Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family.

Sabine & Alex Cimbal with Annabel, Alexandra and Oliver

Sabine Schmidt - May 18, 2016 at 02:37 PM

KW

“ Kevin,

I am terribly sorry for your loss. No words can bring comfort at a time like this. Lydia is at peace in God's glory now.

*Forever your friend,
Kristy Workman*

Kristy Workman - May 17, 2016 at 02:16 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lydia Schmidt.*



May 17, 2016 at 10:23 AM

BS

“ *Kevin and Family,*

I'm so sorry for your loss. Lydia will be dearly missed.

Becky Shepard

Becky Shepard - May 17, 2016 at 10:16 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lydia Schmidt.*



May 17, 2016 at 12:45 AM

CW

“ Ron my prayers are going out for your family. Lydia was a beautiful person. I pray that your family will get through this difficult time. May God give you all strength each day. You have my deepest sympathy.....

Charles Williams - May 16, 2016 at 11:38 PM

VP

“ Ron, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your sister. Our prayer are with you and your family. Please extend our deepest sympathies. Ronnie Padilla

Veronica Padilla - May 16, 2016 at 10:14 PM

FF

“ Fox, Betlow, Salerno, Brennan & Fink families purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of Lydia Schmidt.



Fox, Betlow, Salerno, Brennan & Fink families - May 16, 2016 at 06:21 PM

LP

“ Love, Colleen, Chris, Pat and Liv Pagano purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lydia Schmidt.



Love, Colleen, Chris, Pat and Liv Pagano - May 16, 2016 at 05:29 PM

VA

“ Lydia was a joy to work with and will be missed by her Colgate colleagues. My thoughts and prayers are with her loved ones.

Valerie Haliburton

Valerie - May 16, 2016 at 01:18 PM

CO

My deepest sympathies to Lydia's family. She had a beautiful voice and an even more beautiful soul.

Chris Landry Oshel - May 17, 2016 at 07:10 AM

EB

“ Kevin and Family -- Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We were all so sad to hear of Lydia's passing. She's surely making Heaven a brighter place. Our love and condolences to all --
Tim, Eileen, Michael & Almarie Brennan

eileen brennan - May 16, 2016 at 10:40 AM

NM


“ Kevin, thoughts are with you and your family.

Natalie Moyer - May 16, 2016 at 09:21 AM

VM

“ My name is vivan ludden munoz i remeber lydia from Hayden high school where i graduated with her in 1985.she was a good person,she will be missed.my condolences to her family.lydia you will be missed but now you are at peace.

vivan ludden munoz - May 15, 2016 at 09:48 PM

 Brenda
Przybyla

“ So sorry for your Loss. Lydia made people smile wherever she was. She will be missed.



Brenda Przybyla - May 15, 2016 at 08:48 PM

 Cynthia
Tavares

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. Lydia will be dearly missed. I've very find memories of days at Schlotzskys downtown with Lydia. Through the years getting to see Lydia was always a treat. And she always looked beautiful. My prayers are lifted up for Lydia , Kevin and her whole family.

Cynthia Tavares - May 15, 2016 at 07:47 PM



“ I'm sorry to here about the passing of Lydia. I have fond memories of Lydia, growing up just down the street from her family home, grade school an high school

Sheri Schiefelbein - May 15, 2016 at 05:49 PM

PH

“ Kevin, we were so sorry to hear of Lydia's passing. We enjoyed the times seeing your family at Kate & Larry's. Know that you are in our prayers and I know God is holding you all in his arms. Paula (Atkinson) Halverson

Paula Halverson - May 15, 2016 at 02:42 PM

TP

“ Our hearts go out to you all. Lydia was greatly loved and will be sadly missed.

Breffni, Tracy, Fiona and Ciara

Tracy Prior - May 15, 2016 at 12:12 PM

JG

“ Jimmy Joe Belden, Michelle and Gerrienne purchased the Peace Eternal Wreath for the family of Lydia Schmidt.



Jimmy Joe Belden, Michelle and Gerrienne - May 15, 2016 at 11:03 AM

 Iris Gomez

“ I was saddened to hear about Lydia's passing. She was a wonderful person and will surely be missed. We will keep your family in our prayers.

Iris Gomez - May 15, 2016 at 10:01 AM

SH

“ I will remember Lydia for her gift of loving people and praising God. The memories I treasure are her smile, running around at all our parish "ventures", and bringing comfort to others with her kind words. Lydia has left her mark on earth and I can only imagine what she is accomplishing in heaven as a servant of the Lord. Love to all the family. Sarah Hutley

Sarah Hutley - May 15, 2016 at 08:03 AM

MI

“ I will always remember Lydia for her generosity, her kindness and her big heart. She was always glad to see you and welcomed everyone. A true friend to many. I was blessed to know her and will miss her dearly. Love you all and praying for you always!
Michele Grollmes

Michele - May 14, 2016 at 10:37 PM

JP

“ My heart breaks for your loss and I know Heaven rejoices for their new Angel. So many parents from Mater Dei have left young and far too soon for us to understand. I know they are up there loving us and wanting us to be happy here. And this is only a temporary home. I truly understand your grief but hope your celebration of having Lydia in your lives continues to help your hearts stay strong. You are a beautiful family and you are loved by so many. Jaye Parkerson and Sons, Alex & Mason parkerson

Jaye Parkerson - May 14, 2016 at 07:42 PM

MI

“ Struck by sadness ;(We worked together with Lydia during her short term assignment in New York more than 10 years ago. She welcomed me to her home during a visit to Topeka. Always kind, calm, with a beautiful smile. She will be missed. Condolences to the family. Michaela

michaela - May 14, 2016 at 04:45 PM