



## M. Joanne Urban

May 11, 1928 - April 26, 2019

Mary Joanne Urban, 90, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Friday, April 26, 2019.

Joanne was born May 11, 1928, in Horton, Kansas, the daughter of Francis and Marie Coughlin Montague. She graduated from Hayden High School. Joanne married Paul Urban in Topeka, on September 8, 1951; he preceded her in death in April of 1989. She retired from Santa Fe Railroad after 42 years of service. Joanne was a former longtime member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Parish.

She had an exciting childhood after being born in Horton, next to the Kickapoo Reservation where her parents had a restaurant. Then they bought a grocery store and moved to Mayetta, Kansas, next to the Pottawatomie Reservation. Later, her parents bought a store in East Topeka, where Bonnie and Clyde were one of their customers. The next move was to North Topeka, where the family store was lost in the 1951 flood. Joanne always helped in the stores even after she went to work at Santa Fe. Joanne was like a second mother to her five brothers and sisters and they were devoted to her.

Joanne is survived by her children, Stephen Urban (Megan) and Susan King (Dennis); grandchildren, Charlie King (Michelle Sfeir) and Thomas King (Joa); great-granddaughter, Alina King; and siblings, Gary Kevin Montague (Donna), John Montague and Michelle Ganson (Larry). She was preceded in death by

her brothers, Robert Montague (Pat) and Max Montague (Shirley).

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3601 SW 17th Street, Topeka KS 66604. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church  
3601 SW 17th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of M. Joanne Urban



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 30, 2019 at 03:15 PM



“ M. Joanne Urban

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ I had the great honor of bring Holy Communion to Mary over at Vintage Park for the past five years. Mary was a joy - - always happy and laughing and a faithful servant of Jesus. May eternal rest grant unto her oh Lord!

Maureen Lehman - June 08, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ Extending our prayers and sympathy to the Urban Family.

Dominic A. Gutierrez Sr - April 30, 2019 at 06:57 AM

BB

“ Mrs Urban was my Girl Scout leader for several years while I was in grade school at Most Pure Heart. I remember climbing the Whitson ladder to get to her house. Fond memories of her as a leader.  
Prayers for all of you  
Beth (Foster) Blumreich

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**Beth Foster Blumreich** - April 29, 2019 at 10:29 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of M. Joanne Urban.



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April 29, 2019 at 10:36 AM

GH

“ I am so sorry to see the passing of Joanne. She was such a nice lady. Her and my mom Marge Leathers were good friends at the their days at Santa Fe. I am sure she was there to greet her and show her around heaven. May God wrap his arms around all of her family and give you peace at this difficult time. Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Gina (Leathers) Herman** - April 28, 2019 at 09:32 PM

TW

“ Susan, Steven and all the family, I'm so sorry to hear the passing of Joanne. We had a lot of fun shopping and eating out. I loved when I stayed at her town home, she treated me like a princess. When she started slipping I would still go visit her, she never said my name but she always lit up when I was there. Joanne you are free of pain. Susan savor the memories through this difficult time. Thinking of you and love you!

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**tammy wiltz** - April 26, 2019 at 10:40 PM

CM

Susan & Steven I'm so sorry for your loss! Joanne is no longer suffering & reunited with your dad! Always in my heart! Love you❤️

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**Cinnie McFarland** - April 28, 2019 at 11:12 AM

MD

Susan and Steven-It saddens me to hear of your moms passing. She was such a sweet lady. Find comfort in your memories.  
Mary T. Schnellbacher-Decker

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**Mary T Decker** - April 29, 2019 at 04:13 PM

BS

Joanne and my Mom and Dad were dear friends on 18th Street. She was such a nice lady, always had a smile and a kind word to say. She will be missed.

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**Bobbi Showalter** - April 29, 2019 at 08:59 PM