



## Margaret Dowd

August 30, 1941 - May 24, 2021

Margaret Ann Fuchs Dowd, 79, Lawrence, Kansas, formerly of Topeka, passed away Monday, May 24, 2021, surrounded by family at the Bridge Haven community.

Margaret was born August 30, 1941, in Kansas City, Missouri the daughter of John A. and Margaret H. Scanlon Fuchs. She grew up in Kansas City, the elder of two siblings and a close-knit extended family.

Grateful to have shared her life are her children Kathy Nibler (Matt), Mike Dowd, Liz Aldrine (Baron), and Trish Dowd Kelne (Adam); and her cherished grandchildren to whom she was devoted: Tanner, Baron II, Blake, Brayden and Lucy.

She was preceded in death by her beloved parents and her dear brother John H. Fuchs, Jr.

Margaret was previously married to Matt Dowd who passed away in 2018.

She lived her life dedicated to her family, in service and care of her patients and her community and with a rare grace that lifted the spirits of all who knew her. She graduated from Loretto Academy and earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from The College of St. Theresa (now Avila University) and

gained her licensure as a Registered Nurse. She later gained certification as an Enterostomal Therapy, Wound and Ostomy Nurse (1991).

Margaret began her career as a neonatal intensive care nurse in Hutchinson, followed by work at the Veteran's Hospital and then in post-surgical care, enterostomal therapy and wound care at Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka, for over 25 years. Her compassionate care was often recognized by administration, fellow nurses and patient families; she found most fulfilling the chance to serve others and empower patients toward increased wellbeing. Her gift of getting the work done with tenderness, skill and sincere care supported the community as a whole. She volunteered within her church communities at Most Pure Heart of Mary and Christ the King, her children's schools, Birthright, Girl Scouts, Let's Help, Stormont Vail and Winter Center. In her later years, she found a faith home at St. John the Evangelist Church and in her last year discovered the grace of her care returned, through the blessings of nurses, staff and residents at Bridge Haven.

Margaret's generosity of spirit and hard work nurtured many and made each one better for having interacted with her—often in quiet and invisible ways, with strength and steadiness, constant presence and such good. She enjoyed sharing time with her grandchildren most of all and also traveling (especially her trips to Rome and Ireland), gardening (watching sunflowers grow tall), fishing, tinkering (fixing anything broken as her father taught her) and an occasional winning visit to the casino (making her brother proud).

Margaret's family will greet friends from 4:00 to 6:00 Thursday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where Remembrances will be spoken at 5:00, followed by the Rosary at 5:30.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at St. John the Evangelist Church in Lawrence KS. Burial will follow in Mount Olivet

Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Nursing Scholarships at Stormont Vail Foundation, Let's Help, and Visiting Nurses of Douglas County, all sent in care of the funeral home.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Olivet Cemetery

7601 Blue Ridge Blvd  
Raytown, MO 64138

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 27. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
[info@kevinbrennanfamily.com](mailto:info@kevinbrennanfamily.com)

## Remembrances

MAY 27. 5:00 PM (CT)

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## Rosary

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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**MAY 28.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
1234 Kentucky St  
Lawrence, KS 66044

# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret Dowd



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - May 26, 2021 at 05:47 PM

JR

*Margaret and I have been close friends for many years. We cheered each other up when we were down and had a lot of fun on trips to Vegas. I flew to TX after Margaret completed her extensive training for wound care. We drove all the way back to Salina to surprise her daughter who was cheering for the Hayden Wildcats in one of their basketball tournaments. I enjoyed seeing her in Lawrence and visiting at the Memory Center until Covid stopped our visits. Many evenings I would call Margaret and ask what she was doing. Her usual response was: "eating my half turkey sandwich and drinking my Diet Pepsi". I bought a 6-pack to take to her at the Memory Center but was unable to deliver it to her. She was a wonderful, caring friend and I will miss her. I know God will welcome her to her heavenly home. Much love to her sweet family.*

Joan Rossetto - May 26, 2021 at 11:40 PM



“ Margaret Dowd

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, praying for all of you.

*Chris Sullivan*

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**chris sullivan** - May 31, 2021 at 01:24 PM

“Cathy, Mike, Liz, Trish .. memories are whirling through my mind .. ones that have been in my heart since your Mom and I were just little girl cousins ..and in my heart they will always stay. The paths of our lives and the 70+ years carried us apart but no matter the miles or time, I loved your Mom.

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*'We Remember Them'*

*by Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer*

*“At the rising sun and at its going down;*

*We remember them.*

*At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter;*

*We remember them.*

*At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring;*

*We remember them.*

*At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer;*

*We remember them.*

*At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn;*

*We remember them.*

*At the beginning of the year and when it ends; We remember them.*

*As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as*

*We remember them.*

*When we are weary and in need of strength;*

*We remember them.*

*When we are lost and sick at heart;*

*We remember them.*

*When we have decisions that are difficult to make;*

*We remember them.*

*When we have joy we crave to share;*

*We remember them.*

*When we have achievements that are based on theirs;*

*We remember them.*

*For as long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as,*

*We remember them.”*

*I hold each of you in my heart,  
my thoughts  
my prayers  
Sending you my love.  
Cousin Mary (Fuchs) Connelly*

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**Mary (Fuchs) Connelly** - May 28, 2021 at 11:25 AM

NH

“ So sorry to hear of your Mom’s passing. Margaret was a sweet, caring lady and was a great member of our nursing team on 7West. I am confident she is in the arms of the angels. Hugs and prayers for you all.

*Nadyne Hagmeier*

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**Nadyne Hagmeier** - May 27, 2021 at 06:41 PM

LT

“ Love, Dena, Maria, Susan, and Tammy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Margaret Dowd.



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**Love, Dena, Maria, Susan, and Tammy** - May 27, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margaret Dowd.



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May 27, 2021 at 01:13 PM

CM

“ Liz, Trish, Kathy and Mike---It made me sad when I saw in the paper today that your dear mother had passed away on my birthday. We go back a long way to the days of Brownie leaders at Most Pure Heart School. We shared a common bond being nurses and just enjoying our time together in many ways. She was a beautiful person inside and out. My sincere sympathy to you and your family and eternal rest to her soul. You will be in my prayers in the days and weeks ahead and may the promise of Christ's resurrection bring you peace and comfort.

Sincerely,

Carole and Jake Mertz

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**Carole Mertz** - May 26, 2021 at 08:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Dowd.



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May 26, 2021 at 06:11 PM

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“ In knowing Liz, Margaret's daughter, we feel we have known her. What a role model she was in showing gentleness and generosity. May God wrap the entire family in His loving arms and may perpetual Light shine upon dear, sweet Margaret. ~ Prince of Peace Sisters

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**Tina Vielma-Morales** - May 26, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margaret Dowd.*



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May 26, 2021 at 03:57 PM



“ *Dear Dowd Family,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. Margaret was a great nurse. So patient and so kind. I loved to learn from her. Thoughts and prayers to all  
Gerry Marstall, SV RN*



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**Gerry Lou Marstal** - May 26, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Dowd.*



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May 26, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ *My daughter Becky Redmon was in Liz class and your Mother and I helped with their Brownies. She was a wonderful woman and may her soul rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon her. Carol Redmon Cooper*

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**Carol Redmon Cooper** - May 26, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Margaret Dowd.*



May 26, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ *Margaret and I were college classmates. I have always admired her gentle spirit.*  
*Sr Rose McLarney*

**Sr Rose McLarney** - May 26, 2021 at 09:51 AM



“ *I have so many memories of Margaret. I worked with her for many years. She was a loving and caring nurse and person. While I had not seen her for some time, I thought of her often. My prayers are with her family.*

**Roberta Schilling** - May 26, 2021 at 08:26 AM



“ *Your Friends at Winter Center purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Margaret Dowd.*



**Your Friends at Winter Center** - May 25, 2021 at 06:30 PM