



Margaret Hayden

August 18, 1924 - September 24, 2013

Margaret Lavon Peak Hayden, born August 18, 1924, died peacefully September 20, 2013, at 3:18 a.m. at St Francis Catholic Hospital, Topeka, Kansas. Margaret was 89 years old. She was the eldest daughter of nine children of James Bartholemew and Edna Ryan Peak of Crawford County and graduated from St Mary's High School in 1942 in Pittsburg, Kansas, with honors. After graduation, Margaret worked for the phone company in Pittsburg as a switchboard operator located in an upper floor of the Besse Hotel. In 1945 during WW II, Margaret married Bernard (Bernie) Hayden also of Crawford County, Kansas, who served in the Navy on the USS Monrovia. Following the war, Bernie was employed by Bell Telephone. Bernie, with Margaret at his side, traveled western Kansas repairing the telephone line system that had deteriorated during the war years. Margaret and Bernie made their home in Topeka, Kansas, celebrating family life at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Surviving are Margaret's sons: Dean Hayden, his wife Mary and their children: Ross Hayden of Topeka; Phil Hayden and his wife Lelia of Topeka; Mary Elizabeth, her husband Alan Durham and their son Hayden of Olathe; Dana Hayden of Topeka. She is survived by two sisters, Angie Patterson, and Joan and her husband Henry McGeorge; and a brother, Leo Peak and his wife, Billie, all of Crawford County, Kansas. Margaret is preceded in death by her husband, Bernard Hayden; a daughter, Sheryl, who died at birth; a son, Kelly;

three brothers, Bill, Joe, and Pat Peak; two sisters, Eula Ann Peak and Trudy Lewis; and her parents, Jim and Edna Peak.

Margaret devoted her life in love and service to her family and was beloved by them. Her loss will be great, but her love of family and children will endure in her offspring and grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1750 SW Stone Ave., Topeka, KS 66604, on Tuesday at 9 a.m. with a parish rosary being prayed at 9:30 a.m. Mass of Christian burial will follow at 10 a.m. at the church. Interment will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Topeka. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to St. Francis Health Center Foundation of Topeka, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Hayden*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dana*
Sorry to hear about your mom. She will be in my thoughts. Hope to see you soon.

Rick Meier - September 24, 2013 at 10:27 AM



“ *Sincere condolences and wishes for comfort and good memories to the entire family.*

Keith Bond
Lisa Bond
Dee Poe
Heather Bond

Dee Poe - September 23, 2013 at 07:57 PM



“ *Dean and Dana - So sorry to hear of the loss of your mother - she was a wonderful woman, and so encouraging to us when we were teens! Also, I was heartsick to learn of Kelly's passing. He was one of my favorite guys and I'd hoped to reconnect with him when I moved back to the Midwest.*

Debbie Kass Brown - September 23, 2013 at 02:24 PM

RG

“ Remembering you and your family in your time of grief. May God's peace be with you. Holding you in our thoughts and prayers Mary, Dean, and family.

Randy and Vickie Gescheidle - September 23, 2013 at 08:45 AM

PW

“ Mary, Dean, and family,

Remembering the loss of your mother. Please accept my heartfelt condolences to your family and friends. Loss feels us with memories and sadness. My thoughts are with your Mary and Dean and family.

Peggy Woods - September 23, 2013 at 08:38 AM

RR

“ Dana-thinking of you at this time of the loss of your mother. My condolences. Ros

Rosalyn Robinson - September 22, 2013 at 05:36 PM

SF

“ So sorry to the family for the loss of such a wonderful person. I had the pleasure of meeting her a cuoples years back and heard many stories about her from her Grandson Ryan. She will truly be missed by many. I'm sure there were lots of people waiting to greet her.

Again, condolences from the Schulmeister Family (Joey, Heather, Avery, (Everett))

Schulmeister Family - September 22, 2013 at 02:57 PM