



## Margaret Talley Holzhuter

May 19, 1934 - March 18, 2021

Margaret Talley Holzhuter, 86, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Thursday, March 18, 2021, surrounded by her children. Now she is surrounded by the arms of Jesus.

Margaret was born May 19, 1934, daughter of Samuel and Tillie Groves Harper. She grew up in Topeka, attending Topeka public schools and graduating from Topeka High School in 1952.

In 1956, Margaret started working for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. She had several jobs during 34 years of service, retiring as an area manager. While working, Margaret was the President of the Telephone Pioneers of America Sunflower Chapter.

Margaret volunteered approximately 10 years for Let's Help. She also assisted in giving Communion to the sick at St. Francis Hospital. Margaret was a member of the Shepherds Center of Topeka and charter member of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church. She loved her Church and participated in several programs. Margaret's hobbies were sewing and making quilts to donate to Church and different charities. She also loved her flowers and starting new plants for friends and family.

Margaret married Walter Talley in 1953; they had three children, Lendena

Longstaff (Bill), Debbie Talley Pecora and David Talley. Walt preceded her in death on March 18, 1974. She married Bud Holzhuter in 1988. He preceded her in death on October 12, 2014. Bud had three children, Ron Holzhuter (Karin), Lisa Everitt (Rick), and Teresa Wurtz (John); they were all dear stepchildren. Margaret has one brother, Richard Harper of Topeka, surviving.

Margaret's loving daughter Debbie Talley Pecora passed away on September 12, 2016, a very special daughter.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 22, 2021, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Rosary will be prayed at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th Street, Topeka KS 66618, where Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Prairie Home Cemetery, 35th and Menoken Road. Due to the pandemic, masks and social distance are required.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church or Helping Hands Humane Society, and sent in care of the funeral home.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

MAR **23**. 9:30 AM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church  
2014 NW 46th Street  
Topeka, KS 66618

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



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



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - March 19, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ Margaret Talley Holzhuter

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Dena - I was never privileged to meet your mother, but I am so sorry for your loss. I will add her name to my daily prayers. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Sally Smith Klumpe

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**Sally Klumpe** - March 24, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ Margaret was a dear, sweet lady. I enjoyed our visits from time to time. We both loved our cocker spaniels. My first Christmas card every year was from Margaret and Bud and then from Margaret and David. The community has lost a special person, dedicated to God, her church, family and the many organizations she was part of.

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**Joan Rossetto** - March 23, 2021 at 12:24 AM

SC

“ Lisa, Teresa, Ron, and the Talley Family,  
So sorry to read of your mother and step-mother's passing. I didn't get to meet her at Bud's visitation. I'll keep you in my thought and prayers. It's may be just a coincidence but, my great-grandmother and 3 great-aunts may have been related to Margaret's father, Sam. I believe they might have been his sisters. I remember meeting him when I was about 6 years old, when he was at my great-aunt(Nellie Etzel's) house on Branner Street.

Sharon Crouch

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Sharon Crouch - March 22, 2021 at 10:31 AM

TF

“ Tricia Freeman and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Margaret Talley Holzhter.



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Tricia Freeman and family - March 21, 2021 at 06:12 PM

JK

“ Our family has lost a beautiful soul. Margaret is now at peace and in the hands of the Lord. Much love and condolences to the entire family. She will live on in our hearts forever.

Jeannie and Dennis Kuykendall

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Jeannie & Dennis Kuykendall - March 21, 2021 at 05:15 PM

JL

“ Margaret was an amazing woman. She and I worked together at SW Bell on the evening and night shifts for a few years. She mentored me, a new supervisor in the computer room, and taught me so much about how to be a good manager. I remember her beaming pride in being promoted to 2nd line manager for the computer operations. She loved her family and her work. I extend my sincerest condolences. My prayers are with Margaret and you. God bless you during this time of loss. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the service.

Jerry Lammers - March 21, 2021 at 11:44 AM

RA

“ John and Marge's family,  
I got to know Marge when she served at Let's Help. My sister, Crystal Wolgast, worked with her and I had the privilege of volunteering along with my Girl Scout troop. Marge was a blessing to the city of Topeka and Let's Help. She and Crystal are both in our Father's arms and can once again share stories. My prayers for comfort and peace are with you. We will all be together again at some point in the future.  
Rita Adams

Rita Adams - March 21, 2021 at 11:02 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Talley Holzhter.



March 20, 2021 at 10:26 AM

MG

“ *Margaret was a special person as I'm sure you all know. My prayers are with you at this very difficult time.* ”

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**Marilyn Gilmore** - March 19, 2021 at 11:48 AM