



Margie Weidenbaker

March 9, 1947 - July 31, 2016

Margaret Ann “Margie” Weidenbaker, 69, Topeka, died Sunday, July 31 2016.

Margie was born March 9, 1947, the daughter of Joseph A. and Clara B. Streckfus Riedel. She attended Most Pure Heart of Mary and Holy Name Grade Schools and graduated from Hayden High School with the class of 1965. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from Washburn University in 1969.

Margie married Larry Weidenbaker on August 10, 1968, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church in Topeka. He and Margie had a son and two daughters. Margie was a devoted wife and mother and also a successful business woman. She was a lover of fashion and the arts and opened her own art glass gallery, Glass Expressions, in the winter of 1997. She transitioned her brick and mortar store to an online gallery in the last few years so that she could pursue her newest passion, spending time with her children and grandchildren, Jordan, Griffin and Ryder. They shared many fun times together, dyeing Easter eggs, melting crayons, playing Uno and Sorry! and many other fun activities.

Margie was preceded in death by her father, Joseph (1992), husband, Larry (2003), mother, Clara Riedel (2012) and sister, Mary Kay Bachman (2004).

She is survived by her son, Todd Weidenbaker, his wife Julie Lo, and their children Jordan and Ryder, Dallas; daughter, Michelle Heinen and her husband, Mark, and their son Griffin, Topeka; and daughter, Brooke Weidenbaker, Dallas. Other survivors include her brother, Joe Riedel and his wife, Vicki, Atlanta; sister, Patt Papenfuhs and her husband Rudy; sister, Barbara O'Leary and her husband Dan, Leawood, Kansas; seven nephews; eight nieces; and four granddogs.

A parish rosary will be prayed at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church followed by visitation in the Church until 7 p.m.

Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Church. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes contributions be made in Margie's memory to the Mulvane Art Museum (at Washburn University) 1700 SW Jewell Ave, Topeka KS 66621.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Previous Events

Rosary

AUG 3. 4:30 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

AUG 3. 4:45 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church
3601 SW 17th Street
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Mass of Resurrection

AUG 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Margie Weidenbaker*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Todd, Michelle, Brooke and Family,*

Margie was a special woman. So many qualities, kind, humorous, gracious, confident, regal and spiritual. There is more one could say about her. Those fortunate enough to have walked through her doors of Glass Expressions saw an amazing array of gorgeous glass by artisans from all over the country. Topeka had something wonderful with Margie and her gift shop. I was her associate for more than ten years and helped her share the magic of quality and beauty unique to Topeka. People came from surrounding areas to see these stunning pieces. Margie had a tasteful eye for art, fashion and glass. She was my mentor, a good friend and was to become in a sense much to me like a family member. Her mother, Clara, who had had her own business, passed these words of wisdom on to Margie for her business, "Never, Never Give Up". I am a practicing artist/painter, she believed in my art and my talent and so often she would pass those same words on to me. I have lost a wonderful physical friend, but her ideas and spirit will remain with me for a lifetime.

Janet Bailey

Janet Bailey - August 04, 2016 at 10:59 PM

NH

“ God gives us special people to bless our lives and memories to share and pass along. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Your Cousin,
Nancy Holcom
Lake Charles, LA

NANCY HOLCOM - August 03, 2016 at 06:30 PM

AR

“ Todd, Michelle, Brooke and Family,

I was so saddened to hear of Margie's passing. She was such a special, kind, caring lady. Keeping you all in our hearts and prayers during the difficult days ahead.

Gary and Annette Rodecap

Annette M Rodecap - August 03, 2016 at 01:36 PM

JS

“ Margie was a blessing to me as she shared how much she loved her family and her grandchildren. In our short time acquaintance, during my visits with her, we enjoyed the electronic music being played by the piano and also conversation about the unique glass creations. She was a good customer whom I also called my friend. She will be sadly missed. May the family be comforted by His Spirit and God's love. Bles-sings to you all. Jim & Sara Spencer


Jim Spencer - August 03, 2016 at 11:14 AM

PE

“ Patricia, Shivani, Jamie, and Elaine purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Margie Weidenbaker.



Patricia, Shivani, Jamie, and Elaine - August 03, 2016 at 10:12 AM

 Susie Bisel

“ I only knew your Mom for only a couple of years, but loved when she would come in the shop and we would talk. So upbeat, big smile and always funny. Such a beautiful lady inside and out. Keep her alive in your heart and laugh about all the things you remember about her. I have lost both my parents and by talking about them helps the hurt in your heart. God bless.

Sue & Kenny Bisel

Susie Bisel - August 03, 2016 at 09:45 AM

NW

“ Margie was one of the Holy Name School neighborhood friends. I remember going to girl scouts with her and also walking to her house to play and bringing my sister Linda along to play with Patti...At Hayden Margie was in the musicals and I played in the pit...I think she even got Larry involved with the shows...Margie was a class act and always so kind and caring. We will miss you...

*Nancy and Gary Walker
Class of '65*

Nancy Walker - August 03, 2016 at 03:35 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Margie Weidenbaker.*



August 02, 2016 at 10:29 PM



“ *Margie was such a wonderful friend. She had such a warm, giving heart. When we first moved to the neighborhood, Margie was the first one to welcome us. She became my walking partner, walking three days a week, and a dear, dear friend. Our hearts go out to Michelle and Brooke and the rest of the family. You can best honor her and keep her memory alive by modeling yourselves after her. We only wish we lived closer so that we could give you all a big hug right now.*

Barbara and Jack Long, Henderson, NV

Barbara & Jack Long - August 02, 2016 at 06:59 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Margie Weidenbaker.*



August 02, 2016 at 11:44 AM



“ *Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Margie Weidenbaker.*



August 02, 2016 at 11:25 AM



“ *I met Margie when I first started selling my glass. That was one of the best days of my life - not only did she like and buy my glass, but I found a wonderful new friend.*

Whether I was working in the shop or just dropping by she always made it a good day. We "connected" over glass, but we laughed and cried over caring for parents and loved sharing funny stories about life.

I will miss my smart, funny, caring and classy friend and her oft asked question "are you making some glass"

Dee Newbery - August 02, 2016 at 10:52 AM