



Marjorie Grieves

July 4, 1926 - May 11, 2021

Marjorie Sophie Rose Grieves, 94, passed away Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

Marge was born July 4, 1926, in Netawaka, Kansas, to John E. Zwonitzer and Bertha Brunner Zwonitzer.

Marge graduated from Netawaka High School in 1944. She went on to graduate from Clark's Secretarial School in Topeka, KS. She began her career at Santa Fe Railroad where she worked in the Timekeeping and Freight Claims Departments. She went on to work at C.R. Tantillo Insurance Agency and then went back to the Santa Fe Railroad in the General Claims Department where she retired in 1988 with a total of 20 years of service.

After a courtship that began on a baseball field, she married the love of her life, Alex Grieves, June 14, 1952, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Topeka. They had two sons, Kevin Dean and Brad Alexander.

She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, both in Topeka.

After retirement, they spent many winters as "snowbirds" in Arizona and southern Texas. Marge loved to dance and spent many hours on the dance floor in Alex's arms. Their steps were not only in sync but their outfits were as

well. She played dominoes like a pro for many years and would give Alex a big smile when she was able to beat him.

Marge had a big green thumb with plants and flowers and was known to polish plant leaves with a cotton ball and some milk back in the day. She crocheted afghans for her grandchildren, made pies in church clothes, and learned to play golf in retirement to spend time with Alex on the golf course.

She would say that her biggest and best accomplishment in life was her family. She dearly loved her boys and then they grew up, got married and gave her grandchildren. Those grandbabies got her undivided attention and her boys quickly fell into second place. When the grandchildren grew up, she still loved them but the great grandbabies that came along won her heart (grandkids fell to second place and her sons were left with the third place consolation prize). She gladly went from Mom, to Grandma and Maga, to GG and loved all those titles.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Alex, sister, Melvina Harris, and brothers, Melvin and Jack Zwonitzer.

Marge is survived by her sons, Kevin (Jane) and Brad (Pam) of Auburn, KS; five grandchildren, Kyle (Megan) Grieves of Kathleen, GA, Ryan (Kelli) Grieves of St. George, KS, Kimberly Grieves (Shaun McLean) of Frisco, TX, Cole (Alex) Grieves of Manhattan, KS, and Rachel Grieves of Topeka, KS; and five great grandsons, Eli, Joel, Leo, Luke and Laine Grieves.

Visitation will be Sunday, June 6th from 5-7pm at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. A dual Celebration of Life for Marge and Alex will be Monday, June 7th at 10am at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, followed by a family graveside service at the Burlingame Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to St. Croix Hospice, 5835 SW 29th St., Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Burlingame Community Cemetery

US-56, W 181st St
Burlingame, KS 66413

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
3625 SW Wanamaker Road
Topeka, KS 66614

A Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
3625 SW Wanamaker Road
Topeka, KS 66614

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marjorie Grieves*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - May 16, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ *Marjorie Grieves*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with the entire family.*

Bryan Marriott - June 07, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Marjorie Grieves.*



June 04, 2021 at 08:48 AM

DS

“ Kevin- we are sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dan and Mary Sanders - May 17, 2021 at 10:45 PM

NB

“ Netawaka Family Fitness Center Staff & Board purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Marjorie Grieves.



Netawaka Family Fitness Center Staff & Board - May 17, 2021 at 03:27 PM

SB

“ What a BEAUTIFUL story about a BEAUTIFUL LADY! Yes, she never had a hair out of place and always had that contagious smile! Surely, she had to be a little tough however to be the only female in the family! She was truly a great role model..... I knew that she was a hard worker at the railroad, but didn't know that her and Alex were such great dancers! They had such a great life and family together and now they are together again!
My prayers are with you..... Hugs too!
Sally Brooke

Sally Brooke - May 16, 2021 at 04:34 PM

MS

“ *My Condolences to the Grieves family for the loss of Marge and also Alex. Marge and my mother, Katie, were good friends at Presbyterian Manor. I got to know both Marge and Alex through my mother, particularly Marge. Those two use to start laughing so hard over the stories they would tell one another! I grew to love Marge. She was a wonderful woman. She will be missed.*

Maria Shepler

Maria Shepler - May 16, 2021 at 04:02 PM