



Martha Irene Hatch

May 30, 1938 - May 11, 2025

Martha Irene Hatch, 86, Topeka, Kansas, passed away on Sunday, May 11, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Irene was born in Yuma, Colorado on May 30, 1938, the daughter of Thomas and Martha Bush Cook. She graduated from Yates Center High School in 1956. During high school, she worked at the drug store, the movie theatre and as a waitress. In 1953, Irene met Clark Hatch outside the movie theatre, and they were married on August 24, 1956, in Hartford, Kansas. She did food demos for Tony's and Red Baron Pizza for 20 years and loved being the "Pizza Lady." Irene loved being with her family and talking about her family. Irene was the organizer of high school class reunions for many years and was presented with a plaque in appreciation of her accomplishments. She was an avid flower gardener and enjoyed collecting dolls. Irene loved to make people laugh, frequently telling everyone "laughter was the best medicine." She loved helping people anytime she could.

Irene is survived by her husband, Clark; children, Bernetta Hlad (Jerry), Tim Hatch (Parrian), Charlie Hatch (Carmen), and Loreena Potts (Randy); 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and two on the way. She was preceded in death by her grandson, Brian Hlad; parents; and sisters, Lela Lorraine Knowles, Carrie Hoag and Neva Jenkins.

Services will be on Monday, May 19, 2025, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Visitation will be 9 to 11 a.m. and funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Graveside service will be 2:30 p.m. Monday, May 19, 2025, in Lena Valley Cemetery, DD Road, Madison KS 66860. Irene requests no black to be worn at her services; instead wear spring colors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Midland Care and sent in care of the funeral home.

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

Cemetery Details

Lena Valley Cemetery

DD Street
Madison, KS 66860

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha Irene Hatch



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - May 16, 2025 at 02:22 PM

JM

“ Dear Clark and Family,
James and I would like to express our deepest condolences. I met Irene because she organized many YCH 1956 class reunions. It was amazing to see how her class mates would come from all over the country to be together and reminisce about their younger days. Her efforts were tremendous. We were sure her reward was to see her classmate's smiling faces and hear their laughter. We loved Irene's tribute the pictures it captured her true spirit. Once again we were able to see her beautiful smile. Our thought and prayers are with you and your family. James & Pat Martin

James M. Martin - July 22, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha Irene Hatch.



May 15, 2025 at 11:51 AM

RS

“ Randy E. Cook Family & Siblings planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha Irene Hatch.

Randy E. Cook Family & Siblings - May 14, 2025 at 03:26 PM

RS

“ Randy E. Cook Family & Siblings purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Martha Irene Hatch.



Randy E. Cook Family & Siblings - May 14, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Irene Hatch.



May 14, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha Irene Hatch.



May 13, 2025 at 03:17 PM

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“ To Lorena, and Hatch family, I pray God’s peace and comfort for you all in this time of loss. I always appreciated your mom’s kindness and smile when I saw her. I pray for your family’s unity as you gather to celebrate her life. Sincerely, Tom Taylor

Tom Taylor - May 13, 2025 at 09:17 AM

SN

“ I will always remember Irene's hospitality when I would come down for k state football games.

Spencer Nunemaker - May 12, 2025 at 09:47 PM