



## Martha Kennedy

November 14, 1936 - February 8, 2022

Martha Kennedy, 85, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

Martha was born November 14, 1936, in Elmont, Kansas, one of twelve children born to Ivan and Joanne Watson Browning. She was raised on the family farm and attended Elmont and Seaman schools.

On August 27, 1955, Martha and John C. "Jack" Kennedy were united in marriage at Assumption Catholic Church, enjoying 51 years together prior to his death September 18, 2006

Church, family and school were most important to Martha. She was a member at Mater Dei Assumption Catholic Church and her children attended Assumption Grade School where she was always involved, volunteering in many ways including the school cafeteria. Martha was small in stature but mighty. She was known by her four sons and her daughters-in-law as the best cook ever. She dearly loved her family and her physical presence will be greatly missed.

Grateful to have shared her life are her sons, Chris Kennedy, John Kennedy (Nancy), Matt Kennedy (Terri) and Sam Kennedy (Leanne); grandchildren, Lori, Kala, Robert, Zak, Katie, Courtney, Mollie, Maureen, Sean, Riley, Tanner,

Aaron, Bailey, Tucker and Luke; ten great-grandchildren; sisters, Kathy Cox, twin sister, Margaret Stanley and Jan Gessler; and many nieces and nephews.

Martha was also preceded in death by her siblings, Bill Browning, Elizabeth Zeller, Charles Browning, Caroline Gudenkauf, Frannie Thomas, Helen Oelke, Robert Browning and Dorothy Marsh, and daughter-in-law, Paula Galbraith Kennedy.

Martha's family will greet friends from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 12, at Mater Dei Assumption Catholic Church where the rosary will be prayed at 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at the Church. Burial will follow in Rochester Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities (for Corita's Corner Sandwich Ministry) or to Mater Dei Assumption Church (for the Bell Tower project), and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Rochester Cemetery

1200 NW Menninger Rd  
Topeka, KS 66618

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 12. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Mater Dei Assumption Church  
204 SW 8th St  
Topeka, KS 66603

## Rosary

FEB 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mater Dei Assumption Church  
204 SW 8th St  
Topeka, KS 66603



# Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Kennedy*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *We always looked forward to a visit from Jack and Martha! They were so kind and friendly and mom and dad (Jo and Leo Mulvihill) thought the world of them. Seeing them at the Kennedy picnic was always a highlight. Later, Martha was always so interested in knowing how we were doing. May peace be with you. Julie Mulvihill*

**Julie Mulvihill** - February 13, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Martha Kennedy.*



February 11, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ *Chris, Johnny, Matt & Sam,  
Our prayers are with you in this time of loss.  
We know what you are going through.  
Love,  
Cousins Jennie, Kathy, Patty & Donna*

**Jennie Neblett** - February 11, 2022 at 09:05 AM

DP

“ Thoughts of Martha who I met when we were six years old and attended School District 48 at Elmont, and graduated from Seaman High School in 1954. Prayers to her family who have the memories of a mother who loved her position in life according to all the tributes. Martha made an impact on many lives she touched. A beautiful contribution.  
*Dona Thompson Peterson*

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**Dona Thompson Peterson** - February 10, 2022 at 05:44 PM

JM

“ Judi M. purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Martha Kennedy.



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**Judi M.** - February 10, 2022 at 11:58 AM

JS

“ John, Matt, Chris, Sam and all: Lori and I send our love and prayers for your family. We have so many good memories and connects with you. May your mom rest in peace with perpetual light.

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**John Spain** - February 10, 2022 at 08:54 AM

JN

“ Chris, John, Matt, and Sam. Sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. May your memories comfort you.  
*John & Leslie Noller*

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**John Noller** - February 09, 2022 at 08:01 PM

BD

“ John and Chris and family, prayers for your family. May you all find peace and comfort thru memories and the love you have for her and each other. Barb DeWalt (Tinsley)

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**Barbara DeWalt** - February 09, 2022 at 07:20 PM

JM

“ Martha was one of a kind. She was the full package of beauty, love, wisdom, acceptance, and giving . . . always giving. She loved her family and she was always there when her family needed her. I have always loved this woman and always will.

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**Judi Mahaley** - February 09, 2022 at 06:53 PM

LB

“ Chris, John, Matt, Sam, just wanted you guys to know how much your mom meant to me and how much pleasure it was to take care of her and i will miss her so much you guys take care!

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**Lawanna Beckwith** - February 09, 2022 at 06:44 PM

LB

“ I had the greatest pleasure of knowing Martha for the short time i feel very blessed to have known her RIP Martha till we meet again!

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**Lawanna Beckwith** - February 09, 2022 at 06:38 PM

MS

“ To

*Chris, Johnny, Matt, and Sam. There are no words to express how Bob and I feel with the loss of your mother. Our world feels shattered. Not only was she my twin but also my best friend. We all have beautiful memories of times we spent with your family and know that we will still be here whenever you need us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Love, Bob, Margaret and family*

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**Margaret Stanley** - February 09, 2022 at 06:28 PM

TP



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**Tori (oakley place)** - February 09, 2022 at 08:12 PM

TP

“ *John, Matt, Chris and Sam:*

*It was an honor and absolute pleasure to take care of your mom these last few months. You guys are a truly amazing bunch of people! It was great being able to meet you all and care for your mom!*

*She always said I was her angel, now she is in fact mine!  
Martha, may you rest in peace my dear. ❤️*

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**Tori (oakley place)** - February 09, 2022 at 06:22 PM

LM

“ On behalf of HHS class of 1978, we offer our sincere condolences to you John , and to your entire family. Sending thoughts and prayers. May your sweet memories of your mother sustain you during this difficult time.

*Linda Swalwell Martin*

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**Linda Swalwell Martin** - February 09, 2022 at 03:38 PM

BR

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Losing dad and now mom. As I told John, your mom would want you all to hold each other close. That means continued gatherings that now you get to be responsible for. Continue with your traditions. Don't lose your family - that is what mom and dad would want of you. Feel fortunate to have had wonderful parents and now siblings to count on. Love you all -  
*Brenda*

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**Brenda** - February 09, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Kennedy.



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February 09, 2022 at 12:24 PM

JA

“ My heartfelt sympathy to the Kennedy family. Martha was a high school friend and always the nicest, sweetest person I ever knew. Extra love and caring thoughts to her twin, Margaret.  
*Joan Arbogast*

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**Joan Arbogast** - February 09, 2022 at 12:05 PM

JL

“ Johnny and family, very sorry to learn of the loss of your mother, Martha. May your good memories help sustain you during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Kennedy’s.

*J.D. & Lynn Lorenz*

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**john lorenz** - February 09, 2022 at 10:39 AM

RC

“ Sorry to read of Martha's passing. My meeting of Martha may have been very brief, but knowing the Browning family through school and other events. We have your family in our thoughts and prayers.  
*Kathy and Russell*

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**Russell & Kathy Cropp** - February 09, 2022 at 08:46 AM

BG

“ To the Kennedy family my thoughts and prayers are with all of you

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**Bob Grace** - February 09, 2022 at 08:09 AM

LL

“ Dear Kennedy boys,  
Paul and I have been your neighbors for 50+ years. We have been blessed to have your family for friends. Martha was a wonderful sweet person and we will miss her. You boys have been very faithful to her and I am sure she was very proud of you all. May she be at peace with our Lord Jesus.

*Sincerely,  
Paul and Linda Lucas*

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**Linda Lucas** - February 09, 2022 at 12:03 AM

KV

“ *Rest in Peace Martha. One of the nicest ladies I ever met. Deepest Sympathy Chris, and all who loved her.*

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**Kathy (Butler) Votaw** - February 08, 2022 at 08:46 PM

GH

“ *John, Chris and families,*

*I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. I know you will miss her tremendously but hold onto all of the wonderful memories to get your through. Our faith tells us we will meet again someday and know she is reunited with your dad and all of your loved ones that have gone before you.. Can you imagine that reunion .. how awesome for her. Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Gina and Jimmy Herman** - February 08, 2022 at 08:00 PM