



Mary Ann Petrie

August 22, 1941 - March 4, 2025

Mary Ann (Niehues) Petrie, 83, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away peacefully on March 4, 2025, at Midland Hospice House in Topeka, surrounded by her family.

Mary Ann was born on August 22, 1941, on the family farm near Golf, Kansas, to Bernard Albert and Alfreda Theresa (Kramer) Niehues Jr. She was the fourth of twelve children, the eldest daughter. Mary Ann graduated from Corning High School in 1959 while helping care for her younger siblings. She worked for the Kansas Department of Revenue for 47 years before retiring. Mary Ann was a member of Mater Dei Assumption Church for over 40 years. She volunteered for Hayden Bingo and was a coach and scorekeeper for several girls' softball teams at Lake Shawnee.

Mary Ann loved her family, especially her daughter, Sherry, and her son-in-law, Michael, as well as her granddaughters and step-grandchildren. She had unwavering faith and was known for praying rosaries and lifting others up in prayer. Mary Ann enjoyed genealogy, puzzles, history, the game show network, and spoiling her granddaughters and spending time with her family – and caring for them when in need. She was known to help anyone and was quick-witted. She often shared one-liners and stories up until the very end. Her legacy will be one of love, family, faith, courage, bravery and endurance. For every obstacle, Mary Ann stood taller. It was in these moments of

adversity, she remembered and chose to live one of her father's lessons "Can't is not a word, it's just an excuse for being lazy". Mary Ann lived a productive, intentional, and simple life. She shared many lessons with Sherry and Michael while living in their home this last year. They cherished the wisdom, love, and spirit she brought into their home.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, James "Jimmy" Niehues, Gerald "Jerry" Niehues, and Eugene "Gene" Niehues, as well as sisters, Velma Morris and Linda Annan, and step grandson, Gavin Francis. She is survived by her daughter, Sherry (Michael) Fitzgerald; granddaughters, Maura Fitzgerald and Kaitlyn Fitzgerald; step-grandchildren, Sarah Coulter, Jessica (Cory) Francis, and Justin (Emily) Fitzgerald; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and seven siblings, Lester (Betty) Niehues, Gladys (David) Rusche, Donna (John) Roach, Bernard (Sonny) (Helen) Niehues III, Virginia Broadbent, and Joseph (Judy) Niehues; sisters-in-law, D'Ann Niehues and Zana Niehues; and many cherished nieces (12); nephews (14); and godsons, Stephen Morris, Jason Broadbent, and Bradley Rusche.

Family will greet friends from 3 to 4 p.m. Friday, March 14, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where the rosary will begin at 4 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 6606 Atlantic Street, Corning, Kansas 66417. Burial will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Corning, Kansas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Midland Hospice House or St. Patrick's Catholic Church, in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Corning, KS 66417

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
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Rosary

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ann Petrie



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - March 12, 2025 at 04:47 PM

SB

To the family our deepest sympathy from Howard and Sandra Blackmon

Sandra Blackmon - March 16, 2025 at 11:17 AM

DH

“ *I worked with Mary Ann for several years in Revenue. She was a delightful person and I always enjoyed her quick wit. May God and the angels take her to her new home and may she rest in peace. Gods blessings to her family*

Donna Harrington - March 21, 2025 at 04:11 AM

VB

“ The first big impact my big sister Mary Ann made in my life was at age 6. She bribed me with a polished stone bracelet to get me to quit sucking my thumb, it embarrassed her when I was doing it on the school bus!! She was a great example to me throughout the years on how to be a strong woman and good Mom. Sherry told me her Mom said people doubted she could raise her as a single Mom. Mary Ann not only raised her to be a beautiful strong intelligent woman who found a good strong husband!! Together they raised 2 beautiful daughters who are also strong intelligent women!! Mary Ann was very successful at raising Sherry on her own all while being a highly respected hardworking tax analyst for the Kansas Department of Revenue! I will truly miss spending days with you and hope I get to see you again on the other side!! 💕💕

Virginia Broadbent - March 16, 2025 at 08:35 PM

BC

“ I worked with Mary Ann many years ago! Always loved her smile, her laughter, and her candor! She was very proud of her family!! May your memories carry you through these times!

Brenda Cowlew - March 13, 2025 at 08:08 PM

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Sherry Fitzgerald - March 11, 2025 at 12:17 AM