



Mary Ann Renner-Eschmann

September 20, 1929 - January 19, 2025

Mary Ann Renner-Eschmann, 95, Topeka, Kansas, passed away, Sunday, January 19, 2025.

Mary Ann was born September 20, 1929, in Chicago, the daughter of Frank and Julia Arendt Glow. She attended Mount Saint Scholastica High School in Chicago and attended Mount St. Scholastica College in Atchison, Kansas; she earned her BA and Master's degrees from Washburn University, Topeka. While in college, Mary Ann met her future husband. She and Donald George Renner were united in marriage in 1951. He preceded her in death in 1969.

Mary Ann was a truly dedicated teacher for 31 years. She taught at Quinton Heights Grade School in Topeka. She turned down offers to teach in other schools and positions in administration because teaching there was her mission. She saw the best in all her students and refused to allow them to fail but raised them up instead to their grade levels and her expectations. She was a member of NEA (National Education Association) and also represented teachers as their building representative to the KNEA.

Mary Ann "Duffy" was well known and loved and a member of many groups socially. She enjoyed the Lunch Bunch, after Sunday Mass breakfast group, daily after Mass coffee group, and her teachers' group. She engaged people and made friends wherever she went. Until just recently, she was a greeter at

7:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church where she served for many years.

She was beautiful, a great friend who could always be counted on, fiercely independent, an avid gardener, faithful parishioner, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her presence will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her sons, Michael Renner (Kathleen) and Patrick Renner (Leanne); grandchildren, Jennifer Stickney (Aaron), Gregory Renner, Katherine Stadler (John), Kristine Madison (Thomas) and Kelly Hillmer (Zachary); and ten great-grandchildren.

Mary Ann was also preceded in death by her infant grandson, Joseph Renner, and her former husbands, Milton Rubottom and Jerry Eschmann.

Family will greet friends from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and the rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 29, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery,

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Benedictine Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica or St. Benedict's Abbey and sent in care of the funeral home.

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

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 5:00 PM - 6:30 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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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ann Renner-Eschmann



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 29, 2025 at 12:13 PM

GG

“ She knew all my siblings from school, all 8 of us. She would always address you by Mr or Ms, super awesome teacher. I loved everything about her. She actually pulled me out of split 4-5 grade class my 5th grade year to be in her 5th grade class. Like I said, she knew all the Garcia's and she said I want this one, the last of 8.

Gilbert Garcia - January 31, 2025 at 03:23 PM

RG

“ I was blessed to have Mrs. Renner for both 5th and 6th grade. She challenged me and I give her so much credit and respect for helping me become the man I am today. I visited her a few years ago and gave her a copy of my book. I thanked her for being such amazing educator. To her family, you're in my thoughts and prayers and I thank you for sharing Mrs. R., with so many students like me. God bless you all and may she rest in peace. Ronnie Guest

Ronnie Guest - January 30, 2025 at 10:10 PM

TM

“ *Mike and Pat.
Your mother holds a special place in our family's hearts. What a wonderful lady she was. Rest in peace Mrs Renner. Tim Morrisey*

Tim Morrisey - January 26, 2025 at 10:23 AM

EL

“ *Mary Ann was a wonderful person, with a great smile as she greeted us to Mass on Sunday mornings. So sorry I missed her rosary and Mass. I will pray for her soul May she Rest In Peace .
Eileen 1-25-25pm*

Eileen Lake - January 25, 2025 at 09:12 PM

DE

“ *Mary Ann is remembered as the sweetest lady. She always greeted me at 7:30 AM Mass with a nice compliment. She will be missed!
May she rest in peace.*

Denise - January 23, 2025 at 03:24 PM

SO

I miss you my friend---Always Sheryl

Sheryl Ouellette - April 01, 2025 at 07:45 PM

ML

I've missed seeing MaryAnn (Duffy we called her). Usually at the grocery stores. I was out of commission for the beginning of the year. So she's been on my mind. I called her today and phone number wasn't working. Alarmed me so I checked obits. I volunteered with her at Hayden H.S. setting up the monthly masses. Always took a break to her car before Mass started (a smoke). Surely that isn't what took her. She was always upbeat and fun to visit with her. She's missed. My deepest condolences!

Maryellen Lind - June 14, 2025 at 05:10 PM