



Mary Ann Wheeler

September 18, 1928 - February 1, 2026

Mary Ann Wheeler, 97, of Topeka, Kansas, peacefully passed away on Sunday, February 1, 2026.

Mary Ann was born in Hornell, New York on September 18, 1928, to Anne (Hennessey) and Robert Coveney. She graduated from State Teachers College Geneseo, New York in 1950 with a degree in Teaching and Library Science. On December 26, 1950, Mary Ann and Howard E. Wheeler were married, enjoying 40 years together.

Mary Ann taught school for over 10 years while, alongside her husband, built and helped establish their business, Berlin-Wheeler.

She was active in the Democratic party working on Governor John Carlin and Congressman Bill Roy's campaigns. Mary Ann also served as alternate delegate for Kansas in the Democratic National Convention in 1976. She served as a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate for children in the court system) for three years as well as serving on the Helen Hocker Children's Theatre Board and five years on Topeka Parks and Recreation Foundation Board as Vice President and Treasurer. Mary Ann received the official Certificate of Recognition as General Chairperson on the Steering Committee for the Potwin Drug Store dedication in October of 1996.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her husband Howard E. Wheeler in 1989 and son, Paul Wheeler in 1977. She is survived by her children, Carel Wheeler, KC MO, Mark Wheeler (Pam) Topeka, Matthew Wheeler (Carol), Lawrence, Ellen Wheeler, Honesdale PA, Stephen Wheeler (Toni), Lawrence and Marie Wheeler, Lawrence; her grandchildren, Eric Wheeler, Denver, Brad Wheeler, Los Angeles, Austin Wheeler, Topeka, Adrian Wheeler, Lawrence, Evanne Wheeler, Topeka, Caitlin Cowger, Honesdale PA, Roman Ellis, New Orleans, Gabrielle Wheeler, Seattle, Cole Wheeler, Chicago, Oscar Wheeler, Lawrence; and her great-grandchild, Hunter Green, Honesdale PA.

Mary Ann's family will greet friends from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 19, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where the Rosary will be prayed at 10:30 a.m. Funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be private in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to CASA or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 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

FEB 19. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - February 14 at 11:14 AM

LT

“ I always enjoyed Mary Ann and Howard in politics. Great people. Great kids. Condolences to all.

Lawrence L Tenopir - February 08 at 05:04 PM

PO

“ Mark, I'm sorry about your mom. She must've lived in amazing life and just reading the obit. I thought we have quite a few of the same interest. I'm in a democratic group out here in Western Kansas and she raised a good son and I will be thinking of you.

Patrice Ostmeyer - February 08 at 04:10 PM



“ Matt and Mark, I am sorry for your loss. Mary Ann was a good person, and we would be better with her here. ~Larry Wohlgemuth

Larry Wohlgemuth - February 05 at 07:23 PM

DC

“ *Very sad to learn of Mary Ann's passing. Such a warm and charming person who will be missed by many. Those who knew Mary Ann and her family have many wonderful memories to cherish. Many blessings and prayers to all!*

Don Cooper - February 05 at 12:32 PM

MM

Marie family I'm so sorry for your loss your mother. She was a joy to be around with. I remember the first time I met her. She was very gracious.

Mychael Mitchell - February 18 at 07:38 PM

CN

“ *Wheeler family,
So sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a blessing to our community. May wonderful memories sustain you all.
With deepest sympathy,
Cathy Novak-Wood*

Cathy Novak-Wood - February 05 at 12:25 PM

RW

“ *Carel, sending my condolences to you and your family. May your mother rest in Peace. Sincerely Rosanna Hundley Wilson.*

Rosanna Wilson - February 05 at 10:38 AM

MS

“ Dear Wheeler family, so sorry on the loss of your mom. May you find peace in knowing she had good care, was in the best room in the place, and I will miss peeking in on her when there for my mom. Ellen, it was good to catch up with you...



Susan Swalwell

MARY SWALWELL - February 05 at 10:32 AM

CS

“ Marie,
My sympathy to you and your siblings on the loss of your mother.
May she rest in peace.
Connie (Meyer) Sterbenz. Class of '82

Connie Sterbenz - February 05 at 08:34 AM

RS

“ Prayers for the Wheeler Family. I went to school at St Matthew with the Wheeler Family. Such an awesome Family that lived down the street from me. Keep all of your happy memories, as I will. Rest In Peace Mrs Wheeler.

Rebecca Schiefelbein - February 04 at 07:19 PM

NW

“ Mrs Wheeler was a teacher of mine at St. Matthew's here in Topeka. She was strict but fair. Always kept you on your toes heaven gained one awesome angel ❤️❤️

Nancy White - February 04 at 07:03 PM

DE

Mrs. Wheeler was a great asset to St. Matthew's! Comfort and love to the family

Diane Etzel-Wise - February 04 at 08:11 PM