



## Mary Ellen Calvin

January 1, 1924 - November 23, 2012

Mary Ellen Calvin, 88, Topeka, passed away Mon., Nov. 19, 2012. Mrs. Calvin was born Oct. 8, 1924 on a farm near Edgerton KS, the daughter of, Richard and Eva McMahon Shay. On May 3, 1943 Mary and Joseph Condry Calvin were united in marriage in La Jolla CA. They enjoyed 50 years together. He preceded her in death July 3, 1993. Mary was a member of Mater Dei Parish (Holy Name Church) including the Altar Guild and Rosary Circle. She was a Birthright volunteer for over 20 years. Mary was an LPN working at the VA Hospital for 14 years and Brewster Place for 5 years. Mary enjoyed gardening, sewing, crocheting and camping but first, and foremost, her family to whom she was fully devoted. Mary's life and faith inspired those who knew her and her spirit lives on in the hearts of all those she touched. Survivors include her children, Jeanne M. Roth (Dick), Phillip J. Calvin (Carol), Timothy R. Calvin, Catherine L. Burnett (Steve), Kevin D. Calvin (Susan), Mary Jo Struttman (Al), Theresa A. Lundin (John), all of Topeka; David L. Calvin (Beth), Broken Arrow OK, Constance S. Norwood, Perry KS, Lawrence D. Calvin, Burlingame KS, Jeffery E. Calvin, Burlingame KS, Jerome A. Calvin (Kim), Carbondale KS; 42 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild; brother, Mike Shay (Jan), Paola KS; daughter-in-law, Carol Calvin Stephens, Topeka; and nieces and nephews. Also, preceding her in death were her sons, Joseph A.(Suzy Dec.), Stephen W., Christopher L. and Anthony G. Calvin and three brothers. Family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Fri. at Mater Dei Holy Name Church, where a Parish Rosary will be

prayed at 6:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Sat. at the church. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Birthright of Topeka and Mater Dei Parish, sent in care of the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen Calvin*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Kevin and Family, Nehemiah 8:10 "the joy of the Lord is our strength". Your mother was a pure joy for all of us to and she will be Greatly missed but we will remember her smile as she meets her Faithful Father God in Heaven. God Bless you all and may the perpetual light shine upon her. May the Holy Spirit Comforter be with you all. May God encompass you with his Love and Peace.*

**Connie Fouraker Christenson** - November 24, 2012 at 02:55 PM



“ *To Mary's family. Some of you may remember us from our days in the College Hill area. Our boys grew up with Chris and the other children. So sorry to hear of your lost, but your mom was a very special person. We have fond memories of our days at Holy Name and Hayden. We will remember her and all of you in our prayers and thoughts.*

*Don & Betty Seitz*

**Don & Betty Seitz** - November 23, 2012 at 01:21 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I am honored to have known Mary through my grade school and high school years when her daughter Cathy and I were good friends. I remember spending the night quite a few times and was always amazed how she cooked for so many kids. She was indeed a very special person.*

**Mary Greiner (Boeger)** - November 22, 2012 at 05:39 PM

CB

“ *Jeanne and Dick and the entire family. We are so sorry that we will not be available to attend your Mom's services but we are in AZ for the winter. It was a pure pleasure to have known Mary and know she will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*JoAnne and Curt*

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**Curt and JoAnne Berkey** - November 22, 2012 at 01:35 PM

TC

“ *Kevin and family sorry to hear about your mom. We are thinking about all of you*

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**Travis Casto** - November 22, 2012 at 01:17 PM

TS

“ *Were sorry for your lost. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Todd Shuford** - November 22, 2012 at 08:10 AM

KB

“ *I was sad to hear of your mother's passing. I so admired her strength and fortitude. I know she will be missed. My prayers are for your family. Karen*

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**Karen Honaker Burns** - November 21, 2012 at 12:06 PM