



Mary Carpenter

November 27, 1937 - February 1, 2012

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday at 9 a.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church. Parish prayer service will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, Kansas 66614. Visitation will follow until 4 p.m. for Mary Carpenter who passed on Wednesday, February 1, 2012, at Stormont Vail Health Center, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Mary Carpenter was born on November 27, 1937 at Berwyn, Nebraska the daughter of Cyril F. and Anne M. Clarke-Brown. Mary graduated from St. Cecilia's High School and attended Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska. She married Larry L. Carpenter, August 17, 1957, he survives. They have two sons and their partners, Richard C. Carpenter and Rich Hendry of Boston, Mass. and Randell L. and Nancy A. Carpenter of Salt Lake City, Utah. Mary is also survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Cyril F (Mick) and Marcia Brown of Austin, Texas; sister-in-law and her husband, Joan and Wayne Brannigan, Hastings, Nebraska; and many nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers, Robert James, Gerald Patrick, John Edward and Hugh Gilbert Brown and a sister, Patricia Arnie Brown-Bird. Mary was employed by Capitol Federal Savings for thirty-three years and retired in March of 2000 as Vice President and Branch Manager. She volunteered for The Greater Topeka United Way for twenty-five years, serving on the Campaign Cabinet, Speakers Bureau and the Citizens Review panel. She served on the Board at Cornerstone of Topeka, Inc. as Treasurer, Vice-President and President. Mary

also volunteered as a Community Living partner to families in transition and on the Family Selection Committee. She served on the Board of the American Cancer Society, Shawnee County Unit, as Treasurer. She served on the Jail and Bail, Trail Ride, Relay for Life, Residential Campaign, and the Wine Auction Committees. Mary was a member of American Business Women's Association, the Women's Council Of Realtors and Theata Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. She received the "Woman of The Year" award in all three organizations. She was selected as a "Woman of Excellence" to represent Capitol Federal Savings. Mary was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church, where she was a lay Eucharistic Minister, a member of the Perpetual Adoration group and served on the Finance committee for several years. She was a member of the Vocation Committee and a Prayer Partner. She was a member of St Matthew's Altar Society and served as Treasurer and President of that organization. Mary was also a member of St Michael's Guild. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to St. Matthew Catholic Church or American Cancer Society sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Carpenter*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Mick, Marcia, family*

I am thinking of you all and keeping you in my prayers. I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Mary. In reading about her, I see she was a woman who was responsible, caring, and who gave of her time and energy to others. I'm sure you have many such memories of her, along with other endearing memories growing up with her. She has touched a lot of peoples lives as you know. I hope you find peace in knowing the faith she professed on earth has released her from suffering and brings her to eternal joy.

Keeping you close in thought and prayer.

Anne Miller

Anne Miller - February 05, 2012 at 12:15 PM



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The love of Mary will always be there. Noone can take that away. Yes, nows the time to mourn.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessings to all of Mary's family, relatives and friends. We remember that the Lord is our keeper.

Mary Lou & Clarence B

Clarence Brunkhorst - February 05, 2012 at 09:18 AM

JD

“ Dear Larry and family,
So sorry to hear of Mary's passing. We spent many happy times with you both. She was a great friend in highschool to me and we had fun loving times together with the rest of our friends. May it comfort you to know that she was loved by many and that the Lord has her now and she is at peace.
Jo & Jerry

Jo & Jerry Dunn - February 03, 2012 at 10:17 PM

BO

“ My deepest sympathy on your loss. Mary was a great lady and will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Barb St Matthew Church.

Barb OConnor - February 03, 2012 at 09:21 PM

FO

“ Larry, Linda Bradley let me know that Mary had gone to her eternal reward. Know that you and your family are in my prayers. Mary was a grand lady and will surely be missed by many. I will offer a mass for the repose of her soul and another mass for the comfort of you and they family.

God love you.

Fr. Aaron

Fr. Aaron Peters, O.S.B. - February 03, 2012 at 08:50 PM

RD

“ *Mick, Marcia, family,*

Our condolences and prayers to you and Mary's family. Suffering provides rewards many times over. Our prayers are for your peace and Mary's eternal peace.

As always, our deepest and warmest regards,

Roy & Gay DeMars

Roy & Gay DeMars - February 03, 2012 at 03:17 PM

JC

“ *Dear Larry and family,*

Our sincere sympathy at the loss of Mary. Our love to you at this very difficult time.

Your cousins Jim and LaVonne

Jim and LaVonne Clarke - February 02, 2012 at 05:54 PM