



Mary Clearwater

November 9, 1954 - December 7, 2021

Mary Ann Clearwater, 67, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

Mary was born November 9, 1954, in Topeka, to Robert Sr. and Betty Lou Harper Freeman and was a 1972 graduate of Topeka High School. Mary began working at St. Francis Hospital when she was 16 years old in the housekeeping department. She moved into patient care as an LPN and then, through Baker University School of Nursing, earned her RN degree. Mary loved caring for people! She was an exceptional advocate for her patients. She retired from the University of Kansas/St. Francis Hospital in 2020 with 50 years of service.

Mary also served patients at Stormont Vail West for 30 years.

Mary was a great mother and deeply devoted to her grandchildren. Her earthly presence will be greatly missed!

Survivors include her daughters, Amanda Harris (Anthony Marquez), Abigail Masood (Adil) and Ashley Clearwater; grandchildren, Amiah, Asher, Ayaan, Alex and Aspen; her brother, Bobby Freeman (Jeannene); and many nieces and nephews. Mary also leaves behind countless friends and co-workers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Linda Allen and brother, Randy Freeman.

Visitation will be Saturday, December 11, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. A Celebration of Mary's Life is at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Please dress casually, preferably in your KC Chief's or KU attire.

Memorial contributions may be made to Midland Care Hospice or the American Cancer Society, and sent in care of the funeral home.

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

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

A Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



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



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - December 09, 2021 at 03:18 PM



“ *Mary Clearwater*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Mary was my cousin. She never met a stranger which I believe was a trait she got from my dad. She spoke often with me about missing my parents*



Jeff Freeman - December 28, 2021 at 09:27 AM

LS

“ Mary was my nurse at Stormont Vail West many times. She was also my nurse for a surgery at St. Francis. Mary was a exceptional nurse. She was one of my favorite Psychiatric Nurse at Stormont & Parkview Hospital. Mary was kind, understanding, patient, & all around a wonderful human being. Mary helped me during some very difficult times in my life when I needed Hospitalization. I was in the general Hospital at Stormont when Mary died. I send you my condolences to her family. She was the best.I enjoyed seeing her at Blackbirds when she got her coffee drink. I was always so excited to see her. Laura Silverberg

Laura Silverberg - December 24, 2021 at 04:06 PM

JB

“ I worked with Mary at St. Francis in the preop area. She was a great mentor, great at IV's, great with patients and always working so hard to take care of her family. I haven't worked with her in over a decade but still think of her and the team at St. Francis.

Janice Berry - December 11, 2021 at 10:32 AM

KA

“ I worked with Mary on 6th floor Telemetry unit as a Heart Monitor Tech for many years at St Francis, along with Paula Holmes. It was just as Paula said- a real family of coworkers. MARY was a lively caring person to work with.
I am sorry to hear of her passing. My thoughts and a prayer to all the family.
Kathy Artzer

Kathy Artzer - December 11, 2021 at 10:24 AM

CG

“ Bobby & Jeannene, so sorry to hear of your loss.
Your in my thoughts and prayers.

Cindy Greene

Cindy Greene - December 11, 2021 at 09:27 AM

PH

“ I first met Mary at St Francis's Hospital. We worked together on the heart unit. We had a great team of Nurses, Monitor Techs, and Medical Secretaries. We were like a family. We worked together and were friends outside work. We had a great time. Mary married my brother and even when that didn't work out she still considered us all family. She always took great care of us if we had to be in the hospital and came to check on us at home. She was great at starting needles at the hospital. I wouldn't want anyone else doing it. I would say call Mary she can get it. She will be missed by many. My love prayers and hugs to all!!!
Paula Holmes

Paula Holmes - December 11, 2021 at 09:09 AM

KB

“ Bobby & Jeannene, so sorry, know our prayers are with you. Patti and Kent Brennan

Kent Brennan - December 11, 2021 at 12:13 AM

SM

“ I remember when I first started working at St Francis, Mary was one of the first nurses of my float experience. She was so kind and showed me so many things to help "the new kid on the block". I also worked with her Dad on Orthopedics and Mom. RIP Mary and thank you for your commitment to Nursing.

Sharon McCaleb - December 10, 2021 at 09:27 PM

DB

“ *I remember Mary as a great nurse for her patients, as well as to work with, and so kind. I am very sorry for your loss.*

Debbie Boos - December 10, 2021 at 06:19 PM

DA

“ *Bobby, Jeannene and family - so sorry for the loss of your sister - we are thinking of you - with sympathy, Mary DeCoursey and David Brennan.*

David - December 10, 2021 at 04:17 PM

MT

“ *Bobby, Jeannine and family with deepest sympathy in the loss of your sister Mary.*

Marcella Tinoco

Marcella Tinoco - December 10, 2021 at 04:07 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mary Clearwater.*



December 10, 2021 at 12:45 PM

JD

“ *Jane Dix purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Clearwater.*



Jane Dix - December 10, 2021 at 12:33 PM

JD

“ *I worked with Mary, her Mother and Father also Linda. What a great crew!! We all rocked.*

Jane Dix - December 10, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Clearwater.*



December 10, 2021 at 12:07 PM

GM

“ *Dear Bobby and family
So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family*

Gerry Lou Marstall - December 10, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Clearwater.*



December 10, 2021 at 09:54 AM

JA

“*Mary was one of the hardest working people I have ever known. She worked 2 jobs and rarely complained. She gave all her patients the utmost of care. She was right there always willing to help a coworker. She had a hearty laugh and was so fun to be around. I am thankful she touched my life in so many ways. You will be missed Mary.*”

Judy Austin - December 10, 2021 at 08:57 AM

TE

“*Tricia, Mackenzie, Shamus, and Emily purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary Clearwater.*”



Tricia, Mackenzie, Shamus, and Emily - December 09, 2021 at 08:08 PM

VV

“*Vianna V. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mary Clearwater.*”



Vianna V. - December 09, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“*Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Clearwater.*”



December 09, 2021 at 03:39 PM

MC

“ Bobby, I saddened to read the passing of Mary. Mary, was such a positive person & when she walked into to my parents hospital rooms the room lite up & a warm caring feeling fall upon us. Mary, was devoted to her career but most of all to their patients. She took pride in following her Mother's footsteps. May God Bless Mary's Soul in Eternal Peace. I pray you memories comfort's & heals your heart.



Marge (Walters) Cooper - December 09, 2021 at 03:33 PM

SH

“ Mary was a great co-worker and wonderful friend. She was also my pre-op nurse when I had knee surgery. She will always be fondly remembered and I will miss her beautiful smile.

Sherry Hernandez - December 09, 2021 at 03:12 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Clearwater.



December 09, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Clearwater.



December 09, 2021 at 11:21 AM

WC

“ *She was a true friend and will be very missed*

Willie Mae Cooper - December 09, 2021 at 08:44 AM

DS

“ *Mary was such a hardworking nurse... she never seemed to get tired. I think she was unbelievable and a joy to work beside. She will be missed by so many. Love you Mary*



Diane Smith - December 08, 2021 at 10:46 PM

DW

“ *Mary was someone you could always count on. She always looked out for those who couldn't look out for themselves. She was a very special kind of nurse. She taught me so much about what nursing is really about. Caring for and about the patients. She taught me that every patient deserved to be a person first and then a patient. Mary I always respected you and I'm so blessed to have worked beside you all these years. Rest easy now you've earned it. Love Diane Wilkins*

Diane Wilkins - December 08, 2021 at 10:17 PM

L(

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Abby, Amanda and Ashley. Your mom was an amazing woman and loved you girls and her grand babies. I have known her since I was 12 years old and she always should love. She had a heart of gold and her patients could feel it.*



Lela Ramirez-Perez (Logan) - December 08, 2021 at 09:31 PM

VR

“ *Mary was a joy to work with! She was always pleasant and had a kind smile. I've missed seeing her since her retirement, but I trust she is rejoicing with Jesus now. My condolences to the family.*

Vicki Rathbun - December 08, 2021 at 09:13 PM

SH

My deepest sympathy Amanda. Your mom was so kind and a very special person.

Susan Holthaus - December 08, 2021 at 11:32 PM

JS

*I'm so sorry for your loss! Mary was one of the most caring and competent nurses I have ever worked with. Rest In Peace Mary.
Jeanne Sebree*

Jeanne Sebree - December 10, 2021 at 01:14 PM