



## Mary Diane Parsel

July 29, 1938 - April 15, 2022

Mary Diane Parsel, 83, Topeka, Kansas, passed away on Friday, April 15, 2022.

Diane was born July 29, 1938, in Little Rock, Arkansas, the daughter of Kenneth W. and Mary Nagengast Bynum. She graduated from Mount St. Mary's Academy in 1956. On January 19, 1957, Diane and Augustine "Gus" Parsel wed in North Little Rock. By 1966, she and her family had settled in Topeka. There she raised her four children, while also enjoying a career as an administrative assistant in an ophthalmology office and later working at Edward Jones. Diane was a devoted member of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church and worked closely with Beth Mercer to inspire children to pursue a religious education.

Diane loved cooking, traveling, golfing, reading mystery novels, cross stitching, and playing the card game Oh Hell with her family every Fourth of July. On a

typical day,  
you might have found her solving a crossword puzzle, hunting down recipes  
for the next  
family gathering, or even staying up until the wee hours of the night. The latter  
of which  
often led to daytime naps with a book collapsed onto her face like a sleeping  
mask—a  
repeated point of teasing from those around her. Nonetheless, her good-  
humored  
personality brushed off such remarks. In fact, it was this sunny, open, and  
loving  
disposition which made her a natural party host and someone who brought  
others  
together.

Diane is survived by her husband, Gus; children, Mike Parsel (Mickey), Steve  
Parsel  
(Michele), Craig Parsel and Caryl Burris; 16 grandchildren; 12 great-  
grandchildren; and  
her brother, Kenneth J. Bynum (Barbara), all of whom loved her and will miss  
her  
dearly. Thank you for blessing all of us with your love and kindness.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Mother Teresa of  
Calcutta Catholic Church, where a rosary will be prayed at 10:30 a.m. and  
Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Diane will be inurned in  
Calvary Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mother Teresa of  
Calcutta  
Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th Street, Topeka KS 66618. Condolences may

be sent  
online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church  
2014 NW 46th Street  
Topeka, KS 66618

## Rosary

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Diane Parsel*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Gus, We are sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family .*

*Parker and Kathy Groves*

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**Parker Groves** - April 30, 2022 at 08:38 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*JoAnne Stone*

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**JoAnne Stone** - April 29, 2022 at 03:14 PM



“ *Extending our prayers and sympathy to the Parsley Family.*

*Dominic & Linda Gutiérrez*

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**Dominic A. Gutiérrez Sr** - April 29, 2022 at 06:20 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Diane Parsel.*



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April 28, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *Susan and I extend our thoughts and prayers to all of you. So many great memories of being with Diane at our Guard functions. God bless you all.*

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**Bill and Susan Fargo** - April 22, 2022 at 08:40 AM



“ *Juanita and I offer our condolences and prayers to the entire family, especially to those whom we knew, Gus, Mike, and Mickey. We will be unable to attend as we have a family funeral in Illinois that weekend. We will be thinking about you all and God Bless!  
Roger & Juanita Wilson*

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**roger & juanita Wilson** - April 21, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *Dear Gus and Family,  
I have fond memories of Diane at so many Guard functions and gatherings. Our prayers are with you at this difficult time.  
Larry and Rosemary Lovett*

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**Larry Lovett** - April 20, 2022 at 12:43 PM

RM

“ Gus, Steve and family. I'm sorry for your loss. I enjoyed meeting Diane and joking with her. You're all in my prayers

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**Rick Morris** - April 20, 2022 at 08:09 AM

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“ *Gus and Family*  
I'm so sorry for your loss! I remember Diane with such fond memories of her quick wit and remember many fun times with my parent's, the Parsels, the Burnhams, the Teals and many others! Wishing all of you peace during this time.  
Debbie (Zerger)Sarratt

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**Debbie (Zerger) Sarratt** - April 19, 2022 at 01:00 PM

JD

“ *Gus and family,*  
Our sincere condolences on the loss of Diane. She was truly a wonderful woman and I enjoyed getting to know her and working with her at MTCC. I would look forward to visiting with her. She was always willing to help. An example of her faith!  
Peace Jolene, Rob, Madison and Cole Dressman

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**Jolene Dressman** - April 18, 2022 at 11:38 PM