



## Mary Lou Johnson

December 7, 1925 - October 20, 2021

The earthly life of Mary Lou Keller Johnson came to its close on Tuesday, October 20, 2021. Her dearest wishes were that we would keep her in our thoughts now and keep our family close to each other in love, as so we shall.

Mary Lou was born December 7, 1925, to Dorothy and Archibald McKeever. When she was five, her mother married Erwin Keller, who adopted her with great joy. Mary Lou was active in music all her life, first at Highland Park High School, where she was Valedictorian of her class, and then at Washburn University from which she graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Music. She served as an officer in Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, SAI honorary music sorority and Nonoso.

Mary Lou and Bruce Johnson were united in marriage on June 12, 1947, and centered their lives around their three children, service to their community, and summers at the family cabin in Nisswa, Minnesota. They rejoiced to celebrate 70 years of marriage. She enjoyed her participation in Junior League, the Red Cross, Theta Alumnae gatherings, church choir, Topeka Civic Symphony Chorus, and several other organizations. Mary Lou was a member of West Side Baptist Church for many years, and then of Central Congregational United Church of Christ.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Bruce,

daughter, Susan McCracken, and great-grandson, Tage Monroe. She is survived by children, Kathryn Timpany (Tim Worthington) and Eric Johnson (Angie McAtee); grandchildren, Matt Timpany, Andi Greco, Britt Olsen, Megan Johnson, Molly Huffman, Haley Schomburg, Marylou MacInnes and Ellie Brandon; great-grandchildren, Alec, Kellen, Cameron, Jake, Ella, Mac, Charlie, Oliver, Amos, Mabel, Florence and Lottie; step-grandchildren, Evin and Taylor (Jordan) Worthington; and step-great-granddaughter, Harper.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, October 30, 2021, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801, SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where a prayer service will take place at 11:45 a.m. Private inurnment will be in Topeka Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Central Congregational Church, West Side Baptist Church, or charity of your choice, and sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Prayer Service

OCT **30**. 11:45 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Lou Johnson*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - October 27, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ *Mary Lou Johnson*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Mary Lou and Bruce were dear friends and clients of mine for over 40 years. They were an ideal couple and could complete each other's sentences with a smile. Mary Lou was an absolute lady and Bruce an absolute gentleman. They were the type of folks that I always looked forward to seeing and enjoyed their company every time. Topeka will never be quite the same without them. They loved their family, their friends and their community. God speed Mary Lou and tell Bruce I said "hi" ! John Minnick*

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**John Minnick** - October 22, 2021 at 12:54 PM

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“*Mary Lou was my ideal woman! She did not put on "airs" and was comfortable with herself. Always smiling even when she began to decline physically, it was my pleasure to know her. It is comforting to know that she is now in Heaven with her beloved Bruce, and free of her earthly body. May God bless her family as they mourn her loss and moves on to a higher plain. Betty Edson*

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**Betty Jane Edson** - October 22, 2021 at 11:28 AM

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“*Colorado Johnson Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Mary Lou Johnson.*



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**Colorado Johnson Family** - October 21, 2021 at 02:15 PM

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“*Mary Lou has always been known for her smile that would light up a room. She (and Bruce) were kind and compassionate people. Their love of music and love of family has been passed down to all of their children gran children and great grand children. Their legacy of who they were on the earth has and will carry on for many more generations.*  
*I was blessed to be known as "the other daughter."*

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**Heidi Hunt** - October 21, 2021 at 02:05 PM

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“ *Sheri Taylor purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Lou Johnson.*



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**Sheri Taylor** - October 21, 2021 at 01:47 PM