



## Mary Jean Shannon

February 14, 1932 - September 10, 2014

Mary Jean Shannon, 82, Topeka, passed away Wednesday, September 10, 2014. Jean was born on February 14, 1932, in Fairfield, Iowa. Jean lived in various cities in Iowa and graduated from Ottumwa Heights Academy and College. After college, Jean taught in Keota, Iowa, where she met her husband-to-be, James "Jim" Shannon. They were married on August 28, 1954. Jim and Jean moved to Ames, Iowa, where Jim completed his degree in Veterinary Medicine; Jean continued her teaching career. After leaving Ames, they continued to live in Iowa until 1971, when they moved to Lincoln, Nebraska and then to Topeka in 1981. Jean worked and retired from Insurance Services Office. She was a devout member of Christ the King Catholic Church. Jean served in various ministries until health issues curtailed her activities. Jean received a liver transplant in 1996. Jean is survived by her husband, Jim; her three daughters, Michelle Hamel, Topeka, Nancee Berger (Rick), Omaha NE and Kathy Deneault (Ed), Topeka; grandchildren, Matthew and Abigail Hamel, Caroline, Sarah and Brett Berger and Joe and Jon Deneault; and her brother, Robert Donohue. She is preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter, Rebecca Hamel. Family will greet friends Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, with a parish rosary at 5:30 p.m.. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 a.m. Saturday at Christ the King Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, 234 S Kansas Ave., Topeka

KS 66603.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jean Shannon*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Jim and Family,  
Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. May you all  
be comforted by the memories you all shared.*

**Keith and Lorraine Eggen** - October 05, 2014 at 07:02 PM



“ *Jim and family...we offer you our sympathy and prayer during this  
sad time. I was happy to visit with Jean at Stormont Vail several  
days prior to her death. She was a kind and faith-filled lady. God  
Bless all of you in the days ahead.*

**Jake and Carole Mertz** - September 15, 2014 at 08:12 PM



“ *Dr. Shannon, Michelle, Nancee, Kathy and family,  
Deepest sympathies for your loss. Jean was a gracious lady.*

**Therese Haggerty Bellar** - September 14, 2014 at 04:34 PM



“ *so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. Never easy , hope you  
all are surrounded with Gods peace,. Love you all very much Gayle  
and Ken*

**Gayle Reimers** - September 12, 2014 at 10:06 PM

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“ Nancee -

*My thoughts and prayers and with you and your family.*

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**Steve Kros** - September 12, 2014 at 11:17 AM

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“ *Dear Michelle, Abby, and Family...Our prayers are with you at this time. Eternal rest grant unto Mary Jean, in the arms of Our Lord Jesus. Love, Cecelia, Joan, David, Alaina, and Joseph Knapp*

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**Joan and David Knapp and Family** - September 11, 2014 at 10:47 PM