



Maxine Beckley

February 14, 1921 - March 31, 2018

Maxine Beckley 97, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Saturday, March 31, 2018.

Maxine was born on Valentine's Day 1921, the daughter of Benjamin and Louisa Trendel Warren. When her parents died in 1922, Maxine was taken into the home of her mother's sister and raised by Mary and Will Schamle. She graduated from Topeka High School and married Dave N. Beckley in 1940. They enjoyed 40 years together before his death in 1980.

Maxine was a long-time member of Assumption Church (current member of Christ the King Church), was past president of the Ladies' Guild and volunteered 29 years at Assumption Grade School. She was a member and past Regent of the Daughters of Isabella; was a member and voted Woman of the Year of the Echo Chapter of the American Business Women; and was a member and past president of the Widows and Widowers Organization of Topeka. When St. Vincent's Orphanage opened in Topeka, Maxine was one of the first officers and helped set up traditions that were carried out until its closing. She volunteered at Hayden Catholic High School and was a member of the Warm Hearts Club and was past president of Hayden Mother's Club. She was a volunteer at St. Francis Hospital for 60 years and served as president of the Auxiliary from June of 1994 – 1996.

One of Maxine's favorite hobbies was writing poetry and short stories and some of her poems were published. Maxine composed the following poem in 2000.

I'll Know You In My Heart

When I get really, really old,
And I do nothing unless I'm told,
Hold my hands, and look into my eyes,
I may not know you in my mind.
In my heart, I'll know you are mine.

Come often and visit me,
Tell me about my family,
Hold my hands, and look into my eyes,
I may not know you in my mind.
In my heart, I'll know you're mine.

Talk about my grandchildren, and how they are doing,
Talk about my daughters and my sons,
What they are doing and what they have done.
Hold my hands, and look into my eyes,
I may not know you in my mind.
In my heart, I'll know you're mine.

Grateful to have shared Maxine's life are her children, Marla Drees, Carol Gunckle (Bob), Linda Blanchette, David T. Beckley D.C. and Brent Beckley; 13 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three grandchildren.

The Daughters of Isabella will lead a rosary at 4:30 on Tuesday, April 3rd, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where visitation will follow until 7 p. m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Christ the King Church. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Heart Association or to Christ the King Church, sent in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Rosary

APR 3. 4:30 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

APR 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
5973 SW 25th Street
Topeka, KS 66614

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Maxine Beckley*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 03, 2018 at 03:09 PM



“ *Maxine Beckley*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Maxine. What a wonderful woman who I remember worked tirelessly in many of the Catholic charities and groups. I am a member of D of I and enjoyed knowing her these many years in that organization. I remember she and my mother working together donating their time for the St. Vincent's Home for Children at Most Pure Heart of Mary. At Christmas they purchased and beautifully wrapped presents for all of the children each year. What a loving and giving woman. May God rest her soul and bless her family at this difficult time. My sincere sympathy.*

Susie Foster-Sachs - April 13, 2018 at 10:04 PM



“ *Maxine was such a beautiful person. I know everyone will miss her.*

Diana Sutphen

Diana Sutphen - April 05, 2018 at 07:58 AM



“ *Dave and Family, so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.*

Bobby Freeman - April 04, 2018 at 11:11 AM

ZM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Maxine's family and friends. She was a very special lady. I had the pleasure of being in ABWA with her. We attended the ABWA national convention in Nashville together and had a fantastic time. She will be missed.

Zandra Myrick

Zandra Myrick - April 04, 2018 at 09:34 AM

LH

“ Lisa Hockenberry lit a candle in memory of Maxine Beckley



Lisa Hockenberry - April 03, 2018 at 05:28 PM

DN

“ My condolences go out to the entire Beckley family. Aunt Maxine was such a GREAT lady. I am glad I was able to share special memories with her. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Diana Neal - April 03, 2018 at 02:42 PM

DB

“ Diana Neal & Tommie Beckley lit a candle in memory of Maxine Beckley



Diana Neal & Tommie Beckley - April 03, 2018 at 02:39 PM

RS

“ Dear Linda and Beckley Family,
Your mother was one of the most charming and gracious ladies I have ever known. She was so wonderful to visit with and so helpful with the Warm Hearts program at Hayden.
May God Bless all of you,
Rick Strecker

Rick Strecker - April 03, 2018 at 12:06 PM

MM

“ Dear David, Brent, Linda, Carol, and Marla. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. There was a time when I was at your house as much as mine. Your Mom treated me as one of the family, as I saw her do with others. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mark & Kim McCoy

Mark & Kim McCoy - April 03, 2018 at 11:09 AM

LF

“ Lois Beckley Forsyth And Noel Forsyth lit a candle in memory of Maxine Beckley



Lois Beckley Forsyth and Noel Forsyth - April 03, 2018 at 10:24 AM