



Melba S. Ludvick

June 22, 1940 - September 12, 2017

Melba S. Ludvick, 77, Topeka, passed away at home on Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

Melba was born on June 22, 1940, in Topeka, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Irene Early Young. Melba lived her entire life in Topeka, where she graduated, the second of three generations, from Topeka High School. As a teen, Melba worked as a carhop at the original Bobo's Drive-In, once located on Huntoon Street. She graduated from Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas. Melba and James "Jim" Ludvick were united in marriage on May 1, 1970, in Lawrence, Kansas. They enjoyed 47 wonderful years together. Melba began her career at the Menninger Foundation Clinic where she worked for over 30 years as a staff member for the peer reviewed, "Bulletin of the Menninger Clinic" publication, until the clinic closed. She retired in 2012, after ten years at the Kansas Association of School Boards.

Melba was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. She was an avid animal lover; owning four dogs and eight cats throughout her life. Melba loyally supported over 60 charitable organizations, all dedicated to helping a variety of animals, both domestic and wild, as well as volunteering for many years at the Cat Association of Topeka. She was a lover of books and was often found with one in her hand, having read thousands of books in her life. Melba loved her Wildcats, Chiefs, Royals and Braves, which she

enjoyed watching with her husband, Jim. Most importantly Melba loved spending time with her family. She was a dedicated and loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was dearly loved and will be sorely missed.

Grateful to have shared her life are her husband, Jim Ludvick; children, Lisa Ludvick, Jeffrey Ludvick and Mark Ludvick (Erin); grandchildren, Jessica, Talon and Greyson; sisters-in-law, Doris Spelts (Cliff) of Greeley, Colorado and Kathy Estabrook (Jim) of Cheyenne, Wyoming; brothers-in-law, Terry Ludvick (Kay) of Holton, Kansas and Rick Ludvick (CKay) of Maysville, Oklahoma; and eleven nieces, nephews and their children.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, B. Franklin Young, Jr. (Susan); nephews, Donald and Benjamin Young, III; and sister-in-law, Patty Hare (Bob).

The Knights of Columbus will lead a rosary at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where family will greet friends following until 4 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Burial will follow in Penwell-Gabel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands Humane Society, 5720 SW 21st Street, Topeka, Kansas 66604.

Cemetery Details

Penwell-Gabel Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

SEP 17. 2:15 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **18**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church
3601 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melba S. Ludvick



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - September 16, 2017 at 12:01 PM



“ Melba S. Ludvick

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ My heart is broken this morning upon learning the news of Melba's passing. I have so many memories.....every one of them good..... Truly an animal lover and advocate. The world has lost a GREAT WOMAN and is that much more lonely now. Finally she is reunited with her fur babies: Ritzer, Peyote, Muffin and Stubby. I will be praying for Melba, Jim and for Sadie who I'm sure are lost without her. Please accept my condolences on your loss.



Tom Schmar DVM - September 21, 2017 at 09:58 AM

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“ Prayers for the family .
Mildred Conger

mildred conger - September 17, 2017 at 12:19 PM

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Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - September 16, 2017 at 10:01 AM

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Kelli Bodenheimer - September 15, 2017 at 10:29 PM

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“ Jim, I'm just so sorry. I will miss my friend very much! I have so many fond memories of Melba - working here together at McWala (I remember that she started here when I was on maternity leave with my youngest and I met her during an office lunch where - instead of eating - she held my baby the entire time!), our friendly KU v. K-State "rivalry", our shopping trips to KC and our (at one time) monthly lunches. I know that you and Melba's kids have millions of memories and I pray that those memories bring you comfort and peace.

Kelli Bodenheimer - September 15, 2017 at 09:18 AM

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“ Leo And Bev Vogel lit a candle in memory of Melba S. Ludvick



Leo and Bev Vogel - September 15, 2017 at 08:47 AM

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“ Jim and family,
May your faith and fond memories shared by family and friends comfort you in your loss. We send our heartfelt sympathy.

Leo and Bev Vogel - September 15, 2017 at 08:42 AM