



## Melva Martin

June 20, 1936 - January 11, 2017

Melva Martin, 80, of Rossville, passed away Wednesday, January 11, 2017, with her family by her side.

Melva was born on June 20, 1936, in Villa Acuña, Coahuila, Mexico, the daughter of Rene and Victoriana Garza Prado. She graduated from Morgan City High School in Morgan City LA at the age of 16. After graduation she moved to Hutchinson KS. Melva married George Martin on August 15, 1956, and they had five children together, Mary Christopher (Craig), Silver Lake, Mark Martin (Anne), Olathe, Micah Martin, Oklahoma City, Myna Anderson (John), Tashkent, Uzbekistan and George Martin, Roeland Park.

Melva worked for St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Hutchinson, Clara Barton Hospital in Hoisington and, after the divorce, for Dr. Olmstead and Dr. Hassan in Wichita. Melva started the Kid's Wrestling program in Hoisington. After her retirement, Melva moved to Rossville. She was a faithful member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Great Bend and Grace Episcopal Church in Hutchinson. Melva loved to read, listen to music, watch sports and travel but most of all she loved spending time with her family and her grandchildren. She opened her home to other children who became part of the family, including, Oscar Sanchez, Suzie Williams and many others. Melva was charming, fun and had an endearing sense of humor. She was dearly loved and will be sorely missed.

Melva had nine grandchildren, Luke Martin, Olivia VanVactor (Darin), Michael Christopher (Jaimie), Andrew Christopher, Nick Martin (Amanda), Hannah Lopez (Nick), Jackson Martin, Alex Martin and Haley Martin; five great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter; and brothers, Rene, Marin and Raul Prado.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Robert Prado.

Family will greet friends from 4:30-5:30 Friday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, with funeral service following at 5:30 p.m.

As the weather gets nicer the family will host a gathering to celebrate Melva's life.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, sent in care of the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN 13. 5:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melva Martin*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - January 12, 2017 at 04:47 PM



“ *Melva Martin*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Melva! Oh what a treat you were to know! You had a killer sense of humor and told great stories. You had a heart of gold that you so clearly have passed on to your beautiful family. I look forward to seeing you again my friend. You will be missed by many. 1  
Thessalonians 4:13*

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**Diana Ellis** - January 14, 2017 at 06:57 PM

BR

“ *Melva was the happiest little person I knew. She always had a good word to say about anything. And what a cook! As a new Episcopalian, I could count on her to give me advice regarding how to do this and that within the church. She was so supportive in many many ways. Im sure she will be missed greatly by her family. I am sure she was the glue to hold all of them together as well as being mom to many others that she included in her family. She was one of a kind- the kindest of all. Brenda Rock*

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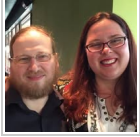
**Brenda Rock** - January 13, 2017 at 01:19 PM

PC

“ *Patsy and John Fontenot and children purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Melva Martin.*



**Patsy and John Fontenot and children** - January 13, 2017 at 11:58 AM



“ I was one of those lucky enough to have been welcomed into her family for a time. She was always gracious and welcoming to me. She saw you not just as you were, but who you could be, and set her expectations accordingly. She raised a group of very talented and sharp-witted children. I remember family dinner at her table being, of course, delicious, but also challenging. You needed to be prepared to be engaged and to contribute, and to verbally spar with whatever members of her mentally nimble family were present. She was a great friend to my whole family while we lived in Hoisington. My junior year of high school, when my family moved to Leavenworth, Melva welcomed me into her home so that I could finish out the school year in Hoisington. I remember my four months as a temporary Martin kid quite fondly, and was honored to have been associated with her.

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**Ross Flanner** - January 13, 2017 at 07:44 AM

CR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall

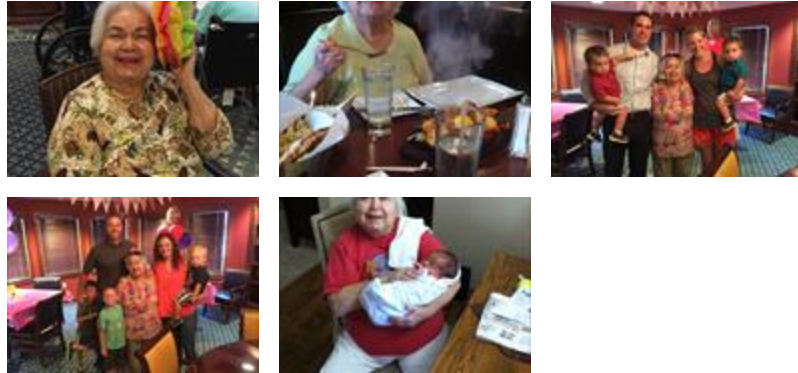


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**Craig** - January 12, 2017 at 09:09 PM

MI

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Michael - January 12, 2017 at 08:19 PM

RJ

“ Rene and Mary Ann Prado, Jr. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Melva Martin.



Rene and Mary Ann Prado, Jr. - January 12, 2017 at 03:39 PM

MA

“ 31 files added to the album Melva



Mark - January 12, 2017 at 02:57 PM

RF

“ *Raul and Julie Prado and family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Melva Martin.*



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**Raul and Julie Prado and family.** - January 12, 2017 at 01:35 PM

LR

“ *I met Melva many years ago thru Stan and Maxine Julian, and we had many good and fun times together, altho we never lived in the same town. I'm so glad I got to visit her in Rossville a few years ago. She was such a good and nice person, fun to be around.*

*Lue Ramsey*

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**Lue Ramsey** - January 12, 2017 at 12:20 PM