



## Michelle Peterson

December 26, 1954 - August 17, 2025

Michelle Ann Liester Peterson, 70, passed away Sunday, August 17, 2025, in Topeka, Kansas. She was born on December 26, 1954, to Arvin and Barbara Liester in Horton, Kansas.

Michelle attended grade school in Colorado Springs, Colorado and she attended Fort Hays State University where she was crowned Miss Fort Hays State. After college, she worked for stationary companies and in real estate offices before becoming a lobbyist.

Michelle married John Peterson in 1993 in Topeka. They enjoyed their summer lake house in Council Grove, Kansas, where they hosted the family Fourth of July get togethers. She and John traveled all over the globe visiting over 50 countries. Michelle loved entertaining guests, hosting dinner parties, and providing a setting where people could enjoy themselves and each other.

Michelle is survived by her son, Vinnie (Melissa) Murphy; grandson, Elijah Murphy and granddaughter, Hannah Murphy; sister, Monelle Liester; brother, Mitch Liester; and three nieces and two nephews.

Michelle was preceded in death by her grandchildren, Noah and Sophia Murphy, her parents, Barbara and Arvin Liester, and her husband, John Peterson.

There are no services scheduled at this time.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent online at [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was fortunate to be their neighbor on Plass for many years. They were the kindest, friendliest , and fun people to all in our neighborhood.

*I will always remember John and Michelle with love and admiration.*



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**Sarah A Bailey** - August 25, 2025 at 09:14 AM

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“ Vinnie and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. What a year it has been for you all. I am praying for God's comfort to be with you all during this time and beyond.

*Teresa Belle Smolko*

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**Teresa Belle** - August 25, 2025 at 07:58 AM