



## Monica Kastens

August 2, 1924 - July 8, 2013

Monica R. Kastens, 88, of Topeka, died Monday, July 8, 2013 at Midland Hospice House in Topeka, KS. Monica was born on August 2, 1924, the daughter of Stephen and Helena Boeckman Schulte in St. Helena NE. After she finished High School Monica went to Business School and eventually went to work for the D. Lee Co. in Kansas City Mo. She entered and served in the United States Coast Guard from 1944 to 1946. She went back to work until October of 1950 when she joined the Naval Reserve. Monica was stationed on Treasure Island where she met her future husband, William Kastens, who was also in the Navy. Monica was honorably discharged in January of 1952 and she and Bill were married in San Francisco in 1954. Between the time of her discharge and her marriage she continued to work for the Navy in New Orleans LA. The couple later moved to Topeka and then made a number of other business related moves while they raised their family, eventually ending up in Topeka again in 1976. Monica went to work for the Bureau of Census and worked there until she retired in 1986. Monica is survived by her husband, William Kastens of the home; her children, Dr. Donald Kastens , Oklahoma City OK, Marilyn Kastens-Pill (Ken) , Grand Junction CO, William (Karen Armstrong), Adelphi MD, David (Mary Ann) Oklahoma City OK, Lee Ann Kastens, Denver CO, and Ruth Kastens, Lander WY. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren, 1 great-grandson and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation for Monica will be Friday, July 12, 2013 at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka KS beginning

at 9:15 a.m. with a parish rosary prayed at 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Christ the King Church or to Hospice House and may be left in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Monica Kastens*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Bill & Family: Saddened to hear about the loss of Monica. Know that she is in a much better place. Her cheerful smile and voice will be missed at the Piedmont reunions. May God Bless All Ray Hazlett*

**Raymond Hazlett** - July 13, 2013 at 05:17 PM



“ *To my beloved sister Monica. She was the best wife, mother and all around person. God rest her soul. She will always be in my heart.*

**Rita Conard** - July 11, 2013 at 07:05 PM



“ *Bill and Family, sorry to see that Monica has passed away. I hope her passing was pain free. She was a super nice lady and always enjoyed talking to her at the NASS gatherings that we had. You and your family will be in my prayers.*

**Becky & Bob Coffman** - July 11, 2013 at 09:48 AM

JM

“ *Bill and Family,*

*Now the heavens are brighter by one more star. May there be comfort in your hearts knowing Monica is with Our Lord! And joy for those that have shared their lives with her.*

*God Bless*

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**Joanne & Ron Miller** - July 11, 2013 at 12:46 AM

KH

“ *Bill and family,*

*Our hearts and prayers are with all of you. While we did not know Monica personally, we have read about her legacy and her very fulfilling life. May those memories bring comfort to all of you during this very difficult time.*

*Ken Hauer,  
USS Piedmont*

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**Ken Hauer** - July 10, 2013 at 10:14 PM

KB

“ *Bill, Margo and I send our deepest sympathy in the loss of your wife, Monica. Our prayers are with all the family in this difficult time.*

*USS Piedmont AD-17  
U.S. Navy, Ret.*

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**Ken Brown** - July 10, 2013 at 07:34 PM

CM

“ *Bill: Our sympathy and prayers are with you and your family. Our heavenly Father welcomed a faith-filled beautiful lady home. God Bless You and give you peace and comfort during this time.*

*Love,  
Carole and Jake Mertz*

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**Carole and Jake Mertz** - July 10, 2013 at 05:57 PM

DC

“ *We are saddened to learn of your loss. How I enjoyed my visits with Monica. What a beautiful family and wonderful memories. Know that prayers are being said for Monica from her family in Texas. Our hearts are with all of you. She will be both missed and remembered every time the family gathers for reunions, but also smiling down on us knowing that the special times continue. She was so proud of her entire family.*

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**Debbie Conard** - July 10, 2013 at 03:25 PM

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“ *Growing up in South Dakota, we very much looked forward to "The Aunties" visiting us every summer. Seeing Monica with her siblings was a lot of fun to watch and Uncle Bill taught us what horticulture was and the science behind how we could turn wheat into gum (if you chewed long enough). Thank you Bill & Monica for those childhood memories and for making those summers a lot more fun. May you rest in peace dear Auntie.*

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**Tom Schulte** - July 10, 2013 at 09:22 AM

BL

“ I have not known Monica and Bill for a very long time, having got acquainted through their involvement in the USS Piedmont Reunion organization. However, in this short time I saw Monica and Bill as two people very much in love and devoted to each other. She was well liked by all who came to know her through her participation in this organization. She will be missed.

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**Bob Laskey** - July 10, 2013 at 08:04 AM

HL

“ How blessed I am to have known Monica Kastens! I remember as a young girl always seeing them at Mass and seeing Bill walk from his house EVERYWHERE. They traveled a lot and were dedicated to their family, friends, and faith. I am so thankful for their support of vocations within the Church, and most specifically of priestly vocations as well as my calling to be a FOCUS missionary. My fondest memory of Monica was when I went to coffee with her and Bill at Hardees, something they did every day after Mass (I am told) and hearing her talk about how her and Bill met. Beautiful. My deepest sympathy to Bill and their children and grandchildren, but truly an angel and strong woman is now watching over all of us!

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**Holly Lancaster** - July 09, 2013 at 10:19 PM