



Nogla "Nogie" Ritchie

September 13, 1929 - February 10, 2026

Nogla Jane "Nogie" Ritchie, 96, Topeka, Kansas, gracefully passed from Earth to Heaven, the way she lived her life, on February 10, 2026, while surrounded by her loving husband, Ed Ritchie, and her family. People were drawn to her warm, positive and gentle spirit.

Nogla was born on a farm near Belvue, Kansas to Mary and James Hiner Sr. on September 13, 1929. She was the youngest of four children. Her siblings, James Hiner Jr., Alvin Hiner, and Mary Cook all preceded her in death.

Nogla graduated from Wamego High School where she was a baton twirler. She met and married William K. Smith from St. Mary's, Kansas. They had five children, Janie Brown (Johnny), Judy McCrite (Patrick), Johnny Smith (Paula), Suzanne Chapek (Michael), and Sherry Waterstreet (Jeff). She was blessed with 15 grandchildren, 43 greats, and five great-greats.

After her children were grown, she divorced and later met and married Edwin Ritchie on January 1, 1985, during a blinding snowstorm. They enjoyed 41 years of marriage. They loved camping in their camper and traveled around the US and Mexico. Nogla loved the outdoors and was passionate about animals, flowers, and music.

Nogla spent most of her life as a homemaker, truly devoting herself to her

children. Later she became a beautician, working for Pelletier's then for Bryan World Tours as a travel agent.

Please join us in celebrating Nogla's life. Visitation will be Monday February 23rd, from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, followed by her service at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Helping Hands Humane Society, sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Topeka, KS 66614
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Nogla "Nogie" Ritchie



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - February 18 at 02:13 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Nogie's passing. I always enjoyed talking to Nogie whether it be at dad's or Doug and Debbie's. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Sandy Benge (vic Ingenthrons daughter)

Sandy Benge - February 17 at 07:05 PM

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“ We had the privilege of living across the road from them for several years. They were always a big help to our neighborhood picnic and our harvest party. Ed would give hay rack rides and Nogie would visit with the neighbors. We missed them when they moved. We have wonderful memories. Praying for Ed and the family

Nels & Georgie Foster - February 14 at 08:09 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nogla "Nogie" Ritchie.*



February 14 at 10:01 AM



“ *Very sorry to see this - with all our prayers for you and the family.*

Richard & Jane Grassi - February 14 at 09:58 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I had such a good time with Nogie building her supply of plants. She was a wonderful person and will be missed.*

Mickey Brokaw - February 13 at 07:24 PM



“ *Ed, so sorry for your loss. I know she was a great gal. Now you hang in there!*



Mack Innis - February 13 at 02:25 PM



Sorry to see you lost your wife Ed. My condolence to you & all the family.

Terrance Bird - February 19 at 09:12 AM