



Ralph H. (Corky) Gruender

December 23, 1927 - May 31, 2015

Ralph H. (Corky) Gruender passed away at home on Sunday, May 31, 2015.

He was born on December 23, 1927, in St. Louis MO, to Edward A. and Helen Rudde Gruender. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and later in the Georgia Air National Guard. In 1948, he graduated from St. Louis University and became a Certified Public Accountant in 1952.

His career included positions in auditing, accounting and control in St. Louis and Kansas City. He retired as treasurer of Volume Shoe Corporation, now Payless ShoeSource.

He attended Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church and was a life member of the American Institute of CPA's.

Corky and Jeane spent many happy years together with their family playing tennis, golfing, sailing and hiking.

Survivors include his wife, Eugenie M. (Jeane) Gruender, Topeka; daughters, Robin Coxe (Dr. James), Raleigh NC, Gretchen Lichtenberger (Tom), Lenexa KS; grandchildren, Kelsey Coxe, NYC, James Coxe, Chapel Hill NC, Second Lieutenant Nicholas Lichtenberger, Quantico VA and Courtney Lichtenberger, Kansas City.

A visitation will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 5 at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3601 SW 17th Street, followed by Mass of Resurrection at 11 a.m. Private burial will take place at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Mass of Resurrection

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Topeka, KS 66604

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph H. (Corky) Gruender*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Mrs Gruender and family. Please accept our condolences. May God hold you close in times of sorrow. May Mr Gruender rest in eternal peace.*

The Landrys

Chris Oshel - June 05, 2015 at 09:49 AM



“ *Dear Jeane and family,*

I am sorry for you loss, and keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Joan Wacker

Joan Wacker - June 04, 2015 at 09:02 PM



“ *Dear Robin and Family,*

We are so sorry for your loss and will be keeping you all very much in our thoughts and prayers.

Anne Montague Wegner and Family

Anne Wegner - June 04, 2015 at 03:08 PM

DB

“ Dear Robin, I am so sorry to learn of your dad's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Kass Brown

Deborah Kass Brown - June 04, 2015 at 02:26 PM

MS

“ Mrs. Gruender, Gretchen, and Robin,
I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Gruenders passing. I am sending you all hugs and prayers.

Mary T Schnellbacher-Decker

Mary T Schnellbacher-Decker - June 03, 2015 at 03:58 PM

JP

“ June 3, 2014

Dear Jeane, Robin and Gretchen,

We wanted to express our sympathy on the passing of Corky. Words say very little at a time like this, but knowing people are thinking of you and caring, maybe helps. We hope so. We know you have many memories for all of you, of Corky.

Sincerely,

*Jackie Campbell Petersen &
Kathy Campbell*

Jackie Campbell Petersen - June 03, 2015 at 10:26 AM

MG

“ *I am thinking of you, Jeanne, in your time of sorrow. - Marcene Grimes*

Marcene Grimes - June 03, 2015 at 09:11 AM