



Richard R. Etzel

September 23, 1923 - October 4, 2015

Richard Etzel, 92, passed away October 4, 2015, in St. George, Utah.

Richard was born on September 23, 1923, in Topeka KS to Catherine and John Etzel. He served in WWII surviving the beach assault at Normandy. On December 27, 1946, Richard and Ruth Stein were united in marriage. To this union Richard Terry, Bob, Mary Ann, Therese, Gregory Joseph and Debbie, were born. Ruth preceded him in death. Richard began his career at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as a rural telephone man and retired as an Engineer after 35 years of service. He received the Theodore N. Vail Medal for saving the lives of two men involved in an automobile accident. Richard made the best of his 34 years of retirement, doing a wide variety of activities, including digging opal in Australia, skiing in Utah and snowmobiling in Yellowstone. On October 6, 1981, he married Maurine McDonald.

Richard is survived by his wife, Maurine; five children, Terry Etzel and Karen Tallman of Tucson AZ, Bob (Meggan) Etzel, Lawrence KS, Mary Ann (Steve) Marshall, Topeka KS, Therese Hopkins, Blue Springs MO, and Randy (Bethann) McDonald, Washington UT; 19 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and sister, Sis Philbrick, FL. He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth; son, Gregory Joseph Etzel; daughter, Debbie Arroyo; sisters, Mary, Lou, Sister Rose, Anne, Katherine; and brothers, Ed, Bernie, Raymond and Danny.

Visitation will be Friday from 5-6:30 at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS, followed by a parish rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3601 SW 17th Street Topeka KS.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 9. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
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Rosary

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

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard R. Etzel



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - October 08, 2015 at 03:23 PM



“ Richard R. Etzel

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



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Paul B. Etzel - October 09, 2015 at 03:01 PM



“ Terry-Sorry to read of the passing of your father.

Charles Widner - October 09, 2015 at 12:10 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Richard R. Etzel.*



October 08, 2015 at 11:58 PM



“ *'Sis' Cecilia, Kathy, Thomas, John, Linda, Elizabeth, Michael purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Richard R. Etzel.*



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