



## Rodney Gardner

August 22, 1945 - September 13, 2021

Rodney Paul Gardner, 76, Topeka, Kansas, passed away on Monday, September 13, 2021.

Rodney was born August 22, 1945, in Turlock, California, the son of Richard and Marjorie Hammitt Gardner. He graduated from Delmar High School in San Jose, California. Rodney served four years in the United States Air Force. He married Brenda Betzen on August 3, 1968, in Saint Joseph Church in Andale, Kansas. Rodney worked in the automotive industry for most of his life. He enjoyed coin and model train collecting. Rodney was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Rodney is survived by his wife, Brenda; children, Ted Gardner, Donna Hallam, Gloria Horn (Dave), Cathy Pinson (Doug) and Michael Gardner; grandchildren, Caitlyn, Haley, Jada, Hunter, Evelyn and Joshua; and brother, Craig Gardner. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Warren Gardner.

Rosary will be prayed at 5 p.m. Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3601 SW 17th Street, Topeka KS 66604, where visitation will follow until 6:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, September

23, 2021, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Rosary

SEP 22. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

SEP 22. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

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



# Tribute Wall



“ Rodney Gardner

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Brenda, so sorry for your loss. I will miss seeing Rod. Just want you to know, dad really thought the world of him. Got to know him when they worked together. Can't be at this funeral, but you and the family will remain in my thoughts and prayers. With much love and sympathy from your cousin, Ginny (Virginia).

Virginia C Charles - September 22, 2021 at 07:53 PM



“ My sympathy to Brenda and the children. I will remember Rodney in my Mass on the day of the funeral.  
Fr. Jim Betzen, CPPS

Fr. James Betzen, CPPS - September 15, 2021 at 03:40 PM



thank you

ted gardner - September 16, 2021 at 11:00 PM



To my wonderful cousin Father Jim.. thank you so much.. God bless you always 🙏❤️

Brenda E Gardner - September 17, 2021 at 04:26 PM

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*Brenda you have our sincere condolences and prayers. We are sorry we have been unable to make phone contact. We will miss seeing both of you together in the first row on the side. You were a lovely couple god grant you peace as Rod lives in Christ's embrace.*

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**Frank and Yoshi Gerner** - September 20, 2021 at 05:06 PM