



Rosalie Smith

March 15, 1929 - April 17, 2026

Rosalie Smith, 97, Topeka, Kansas, died April 17, 2026, after a long and happy life.

Rosalie was born March 15, 1929, in Dundee, Scotland, the daughter of John and Rosalie McNab. She attended school at the Grove Academy in Broughty Ferry, Scotland. She became a teacher and taught in Dundee before moving to America with her husband. She followed his professional golf career to the United States which included Atlanta and Tulsa before settling in Topeka. She had two wonderful children, Mack (Suzette) and Diane, who were the center of her world. The family lived below Burnett's Mound when the June 8, 1966, tornado topped that hill and took out their apartment while Rosalie was in the hallway with her young children tucked safely beneath her.

She had to take additional courses at Washburn University to be able to teach in Kansas, and went on to get her Master Degree in Education. She was so grateful to be hired at Holy Name Grade School and worked there for 27 years teaching 5th Grade.

Rosalie had many hobbies including playing tennis with her co-worker nuns, gardening, and baking cookies, plus making the best Christmas breakfast for her family. She was a busy member of First Presbyterian Church serving as a Deacon, an Elder and a member of the Chancel Choir. She was also a

member and leader of the Topeka St. Andrews Society. She would host a booth at the Highland Games under the McNab Clan. Even in her later years she still had her Scottish accent.

Surviving to cherish her memory are her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Family will greet friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, April 23, with the service at 11 a.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Rosalie will be buried at the Silver Lake Cemetery following the service.

Memorial contributions can be made to First Presbyterian Church of Topeka, 817 SW Harrison, Topeka, KS 66612-1691.

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

Cemetery Details

Silver Lake Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rosalie Smith



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 21 at 05:21 PM

AW

*Mack and Diane, I am so sorry to see this. I think about her often. She was always so nice, Mom and Dad always said she was the best neighbor. Sending thoughts and prayer to you and your family.
Alissa Yost Workman*

ALISSA YOST WORKMAN - April 29 at 08:21 AM

JS

“ *Mrs. Smith was an exceptional teacher and I know she touched the lives of many members of my family. We will hold her family in our hearts and prayers.*

Jerry Schmidt - April 24 at 08:55 PM

GR

“ *Mack, Suzette, Diane and Family,
Such a lovely pictorial tribute to your beloved mother & grandmother. You all are on my heart and in my prayers. ❤️*

Gretchen Roy - April 24 at 07:12 AM

DW

“ Dave & Joshua Wilson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rosalie Smith.



Dave & Joshua Wilson - April 23 at 07:07 AM

MF

“ One of my favorite teachers. She was my teacher at Holy Name, back in 1975. Keeping the family in my prayers. God Bless.



Marsha Furman - April 23 at 05:55 AM

JA

“ Rosalie’s kindness is what I will always remember most. When I first joined the St. Andrew’s Society, she welcomed me so warmly and made me feel I truly belonged. She was a sincere and dedicated member, deeply devoted to the traditions and friendships she cherished. Her gracious spirit, gentle encouragement, and unmistakable Scottish charm left a lasting impression on all of us. I feel fortunate to have known her, and she will be dearly missed.
Janette Elizabeth Lassiter-Smith

Janette - April 22 at 11:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rosalie Smith.

April 22 at 04:18 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rosalie Smith.*



April 22 at 04:18 PM



“ *Mrs. Smith was my teacher and also my siblings. She was a kind and gentle soul who touched the lives of so many children. May she now have the reward of peace, she so rightfully earned.*

Lisa (Short) Zeller - April 21 at 04:20 PM



“ *Rosalie was always a delight and seemed to be in perpetual good spirits. I loved hearing her talk with her soft brogue and am happy for her and her family that she had such a long life.*

Lee Lassiter - April 21 at 08:56 AM



“ *Mrs. Smith was a wonderful teacher. Several of my siblings and I were lucky enough Mrs. Smith put up with us for a whole school year. She has certainly earned a great reward! May perpetual light shine upon her. God bless her soul and prayers for her family.*

Mary Jo (Calvin) Struttman

Mary - April 20 at 10:13 PM

CP

“ *Rosalie's smile would light up a room, and I always loved hearing her call me by name (Clodjaw). Mom and Rosalie were both in the same building, and they were in the exercise classes, so I was glad their friendship of many years continued. My love and prayers to Mack, Suzette, and Diane, and I will miss Rosalie being in our lives.*
Claudia Perney

Claudia Perney - April 20 at 11:18 AM

LN

“ *Mrs. Smith was by far one of the best teachers my children had. She taught with kindness and love and just the right amount of control in her classroom. A wonderful lady!!*

Linda Nimz - April 20 at 09:38 AM