



## Rosemary Etzel

November 28, 1927 - November 1, 2023

Rosemary Agnes Etzel, 95, died peacefully on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at Brewster Place in Topeka.

The daughter of Joseph and Ruth Bacon Miller, she was born on November 28, 1927, in Washington D.C. and grew up just blocks away from the nation's capital. She attended St. Martin's School, Langley Junior High, and McKinley High School, all in Washington D.C. Rosemary

worked for Universal Film Company and later as an operator for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. She married Dan Etzel on November 26, 1949, who preceded her in death on June 16, 2008. When Rosemary and Dan wanted to start a family, they decided to move to Topeka and lived on the farm in Oakland with Dan's parents for a few months. There, the city girl, as Rosemary liked to call herself, learned all about farm life and a few German recipes from Dan's mom while working at Army Headquarters. Once they started their family, Rosemary became a homemaker and involved herself in loving and raising their five children.

Rosemary was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church and volunteered her time in many capacities there as a member of the Altar Society and Immaculate Conception Guild as well as serving as a room mother, PTO member and on the school board. She was also a Cub Scout and Girl Scout

leader for several years. Throughout those years, Rosemary also found time to bowl in the Wednesday morning league and to sew special outfits and crochet and knit hats and purses for her children, along with various other craft projects. Rosemary was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and her love, laughter and sense of humor will be dearly missed.

Rosemary is survived by her children, Diane Etzel-Wise (Pat Wise), Lenexa, Cindy Swoboda (Tegan), Topeka, Dan Etzel (Sarah), Topeka, Linda Hoopes (Brad), Lawrence, and Lisa Hecker, (Paul), Berryton; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Michael, her parents, siblings, Marie Roy, Dorothy Tull, Joseph Miller, Bernard Miller, Francis Miller and William Miller.

Family will greet friends 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 9, 2023, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. A rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, November 10, 2023, St. Matthew Catholic Church, 2700 SE Virginia Avenue, Topeka KS 66605. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery. The funeral service will be livestreamed on the funeral home Facebook page for those unable to attend in person. We invite you to wear lavender, purple or any other bright color in honor of Rosemary.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Matthew Food Pantry sent in care of the funeral home. 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

## Visitation

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

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
[info@kevinbrennanfamily.com](mailto:info@kevinbrennanfamily.com)

## Rosary

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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NOV **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church  
2700 SE Virginia Ave  
Topeka, KS 66605

# Tribute Wall



“ Although I wasn't able to make it to her service I was honored to know and take care of Rosemary! She was such a sweet and kind woman and I fully enjoyed all the time I spent with her. She was such a light and will be dearly missed ❤️

Dixie Price - December 13, 2023 at 04:12 PM

CI

Thank you, Dixie. She felt the same way about you!

Cindy - December 13, 2023 at 09:15 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rosemary Etzel.



November 09, 2023 at 12:18 AM

LF

“ Love Shirley, Pat, and families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rosemary Etzel.



Love Shirley, Pat, and families - November 08, 2023 at 08:06 PM

PP

“ Our mother's were life long friends. They called each other their sister. They went through so many good times, a few not so good times, and of course some sad times. Always there to support each other. The 5 Peters kids don't ever remember life without Rosemary in it. We are pretty sure Rosemary & Barbara have reunited and are having a Heavenly visit together. The 5 Peters kids & their families are thinking of the 5 Etzel kids & their families. We send our sympathy & prayers at this time to all of you. Love Pam Peters, Grant Peters, Cheryl Slyter, Dinah Williams Debbie Ozuna & families. ❤️

Pam Peters - November 08, 2023 at 04:37 PM

LH

I'm sure they are having a wonderful good time! ❤️

Linda Hoopes - November 08, 2023 at 06:34 PM

CS

They had a lot of fun together through the years.

Cindy Swoboda - November 10, 2023 at 04:27 PM

LH

Our Moms are once again shopping and having lunch together. :-)

Lisa Hecker - November 10, 2023 at 11:58 PM

JR

“ Judy, Deanna, Laura and Robyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosemary Etzel.

Judy, Deanna, Laura and Robyn - November 08, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rosemary Etzel.*



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November 08, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ *Kansas Tourism planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosemary Etzel.*

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**Kansas Tourism** - November 06, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rosemary Etzel.*



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November 06, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rosemary Etzel.*



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November 05, 2023 at 09:37 PM

DS

“ *Diane & Joe Schell purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Rosemary Etzel.*



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**Diane & Joe Schell** - November 05, 2023 at 09:08 PM

MB

“ *Diane, Cindy, Dan and family....I'm so sorry to hear about your Mom! She was such a lovely lady. I remember sleep overs at your house, with all us girls. I will keep all of you in my prayers.*

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**Marta Barnett** - November 04, 2023 at 07:57 AM

CS

“ *I really liked your mom, Diane and Family. She was always so welcoming and always smiling. She will be missed.*

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**Cindy Smith** - November 04, 2023 at 02:41 AM

NW

“ *Etzel family so sorry to hear about mom. So enjoyed her always smiling face and such a soft voice. She was my Girl Scout leader way back at St. Matt's God gained a beautiful angel.*

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**Nancy Schiefelbein White** - November 03, 2023 at 10:10 PM

 Shirley  
Smith

“ *To my five cousins and all of your extended families, my condolences on your loss. I loved and will miss Aunt Teeny so much! I always looked forward to the times you all visited. I did not know she spent time on a farm, she was definitely a city girl! Love you guys, Shirley*

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**Shirley Smith** - November 03, 2023 at 09:40 PM

LH

*Shirley, she even got chased by a chicken with its head cut off!*

**Linda Hoopes** - November 03, 2023 at 11:35 PM

CI



**cindy.a.swoboda@gmail.com** - November 04, 2023 at 05:28 PM

MR

“ *Diane, Cindy, Danny, Lisa and Linda . . . I’m so sorry to hear about your Mom, Mrs. Etzel (I still have a hard time calling her Rosemary). I’m thinking of many happy memories as I’m sure you are too.*

**Mary Rochelle** - November 03, 2023 at 05:19 PM

RR

*Cindy and family,*

*My thoughts and prayers to you.*

*Ryan Rochelle*

**Ryan Rochelle** - November 07, 2023 at 10:25 AM

CS

*Thank you! I was thinking on the way home just now that she had a nice send off and she would have appreciated that.*

**Cindy Swoboda** - November 10, 2023 at 04:23 PM