



## Rosemary Holzuter

August 11, 1938 - October 4, 2022

Rosemary Anne (Hughes) Holzuter, 84, died October 4, 2022. She was born August 11, 1938, in and grew up in Topeka, Kansas, the daughter of Rozier and Dorothy (Carey) Hughes. Her loving family included her sisters, Regina Knapp (Larry), Dorothy Mae, and Kathleen Shirk (Thomas). She was preceded in death by an infant sister, Mary Harriet, her brother, Joseph and both of her parents.

Rosemary graduated from Hayden High School and later earned her Bachelor in Fine Arts degrees in Music and Elementary Education from St. Mary College. In 1960, she married Leo John Holzuter and a week later, they went to Punta Gorda, British Honduras (now Belize) to establish St. Peter Claver School, a secondary school where she taught a variety of subjects, including English and Latin. On returning to the United States, she earned her Master's degree in Education and taught in elementary school in Topeka and surrounding communities for nearly 40 years. Her classroom welcomed students to learn beyond the textbook with music, theater, hands on experiences and a warmth of sincere encouragement that nurtured their best character. Her family continues to hear stories from former students of the impact of Mrs. Holzuter's teaching upon their lives.

Her home and heart were enriched by Ampie (Chee) Dijos, Thomas Mark Zuniga (now in heaven), and sons, David and John Martin and his wife Linda

(also now in heaven). In 1975, she moved with her family to Overbrook, Kansas, where she joined the Fidelis Club and hosted many of her students at "Cedar Grove Farm." There she taught them (and her grandchildren, nieces, and nephews) how to milk cows, gather and hatch eggs, ride horses, herd geese, chase Guinea hens, appreciate fresh picked produce and the love of loyal dogs.

Rosemary gave of herself in dedication to community and her faith. She was an avid supporter of music, theater and art education programs. She had a lifelong passion for serving the frail and lonely; targeting those in need of a song to fuel their hearts or a loaf of her fresh-baked bread to warm their souls.

A visitation will take place on Tuesday, October 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, commencing with the praying of the rosary at 5 p.m. and followed by time for sharing memories, stories, laughter and tears. Due to Rosemary's COVID concerns, a private Funeral Mass and inurnment will be held at later date. A video of these will be recorded and viewing access made available for those who request the online access link.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations, in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, can be directed to a non-profit charitable fund at "Winter Center" ATTN: Holzhter Fund for Children  
Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Previous Events

## Rosary and Visitation

OCT **11**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rosemary Holzuter



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - October 10, 2022 at 05:45 PM

JR

“ I just learned of Mrs. Holzuter's passing. She was my favorite teacher (6th grade) at Assumption School, and one of my favorites of all time. She had recently returned from British Honduras, and introduced us to Spanish, as well as encouraging student involvement. Rest in peace, teacher!

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**Jack Ryan** - July 01, 2023 at 11:17 AM

BM

“ David,

*I somehow came across your mothers obituary. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your mother was such a sweet and caring lady. I remember her and her warm smile very vividly! We had some great times camping outside your home and walking next door for snacks at Casey's! I hope you are well.*

*Blaine McCartney  
Cheyenne, Wyo.*

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**Blaine McCartney** - February 06, 2023 at 08:52 PM



“ *Rosemary Holzuter*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ <https://youtu.be/2GnUMq6P8oU>

**John Holzuter** - November 15, 2022 at 07:13 PM



*Here is the Mass, as said by Father Ted (Dean) Stoecklein*

**John Holzuter** - November 15, 2022 at 07:15 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Dr. John M. Holzuter** - October 29, 2022 at 12:30 PM



*Thank you to all who contributed to the services!*

**Dr. John M. Holzuter** - October 29, 2022 at 12:32 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**John Holzuter** - October 20, 2022 at 11:04 AM

JH

*"Ages and Stages of Rosemary Holzhuter"*

John Holzhuter - October 20, 2022 at 03:05 PM

SG

“*Mrs. Holzhuter was one of my favorite elementary school teachers at McClure. I will always remember the play “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe” that she had us perform. She was the type of person who inspired her students to love learning.*

*Stephen Gimple, MD*

*President, Meritas Health Cardiology*

Stephen Gimple - October 18, 2022 at 11:05 PM

JH

*Hey there S.G..I did tech for mom on that show...she was pleased and proud with cast and crew:>) JMH*

John Holzhuter - October 20, 2022 at 10:58 AM

RM

“*John,*

*Our hearts go out to you at this time. I remember, especially those times we had a chapel for caregivers, how your mother would always have something encouraging to say. And she had a witty way of saying things so that I would be thinking how profound all the while I was laughing.*

*Blessings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, who heals through the Holy Spirit.*

*Gaynia and Rich*

rich menninger - October 12, 2022 at 08:06 PM

JH

*Thank you dear ones! Mom (and I) discussed how we got more than we gave in those amazing caregiver chapels you lead. I have rewatched them, as I became mom's caregiver...for my own soul food. You are tangible blessings indeed!!*

John Holzuter - October 20, 2022 at 11:00 AM

DN

*“ John, is so sorry to hear of your moms passing. I have such fond memories of her when she was a substitute teacher at MPH. What a life well lived and loved.*

Diane Nicholson - October 11, 2022 at 07:09 PM

AM

*“ Mrs. Holzuter was my 4th grade teacher at McClure. I loved being in her class because she cared for her students and she always had an interesting story. Heaven is gaining a special soul.*

Amy L Muller - October 10, 2022 at 11:08 PM



*I remember Rosemary from Hayden High, her musical talents and her fearlessness! Fly free Rosemary with your same courage!*

Joan Elston-Mccullough - October 11, 2022 at 08:27 PM

SG

“ Dearest John and Family,  
Your Mom was an incredible woman who used all her God given gifts to help others. She was a delight to spend time with and had some great stories to share.

*I know you will miss her but she now rests where she wanted to be. She will bring so much joy in heaven and will be a beautiful Angel.*

*I am not able to attend tomorrow night, but I will be with you in Spirit during the visitation.*

*Hugs and much love to all of you.*  
Sue Glatz

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**sue glatz** - October 10, 2022 at 08:50 PM

LF

“ We enjoyed annual visits with Rosemary. She is thoughtful, prayerful and very well connected with John, her husband, She gave special time in caring for her grandson for many years, She appreciated all the kind support from her sons and daughter in Hawaii. We a blessed in knowing Rosemary. Louie and Mary Finocchario

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**Louis and Mary Finocchario** - October 09, 2022 at 06:29 PM

AF

“ Ampie Dijos and Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Rosemary Holzuter.



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**Ampie Dijos and Family** - October 07, 2022 at 05:12 PM

GC

“ I fondly remember Mr's Holzuter from my 5th grade class, She taught a different brand of music that we all fell in love live, folk. Peter Paul and Mary were the rage, and all the boys were enchanted with her looks and charm. A true treasure indeed.

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**Gordon Cummings** - October 06, 2022 at 06:49 PM