



Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz

August 14, 1961 - January 5, 2016

Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz, 54, Topeka, passed away Tuesday, January 5, 2016.

Shelley was born August 14, 1961, in Topeka, the daughter of Judith Steinmeyer Walker and Lowell Seymour. She is a 1979 graduate of Shawnee Heights High School. Shelley had been a meeting planner for the Kansas Association of Counties.

Shelley was a loving mother whose children and grandchildren meant the world to her. She loved being a mother and grandmother! Grateful to have shared her life are her children, Joseph Sterbenz (Angella), Justin Sterbenz (Jessica), Jessica Sterbenz, and Jordan Sterbenz; grandchildren, Grayson, Gavin, Lila and Bayli; her mother Judy Walker (Jim); father, Lowell Seymour (Jo); brothers, Ryan Seymour (Sharlee) and Blake Sutherlin (Erin); aunt, Karen Lichtenstern (Scott); uncle, Gary Silversmith (Mahala); and nieces and nephews.

Dear to her heart were, "The Sisters", listed here in no particular order, Barb Roehrman, Tracie McCluskey, Tammy Stroth, Rhonda Shipps, Susan Herl, Michelle Goeden and Shelly Finuf.

A rosary will be prayed at 5 p.m. Friday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral

Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, followed by visitation until 7:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mater Dei Assumption Church, 204 SW 8th Street, Topeka KS 66603. Burial will follow in Penwell-Gabel Cemetery, 6th and Gage Boulevard.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Shelley's memory to the Educational Fund for Meme's Grandchildren, c/o any Silverlake Bank or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000 Dept 142, Memphis TN 38101, or left in the care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Penwell-Gabel Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 8. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

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Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 07, 2016 at 05:21 PM



“ Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Jessie Sterbenz lit a candle in memory of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz



Jessie Sterbenz - February 16, 2016 at 04:59 PM



“ Debbie And Jim Schmidtlein lit a candle in memory of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz



Debbie and Jim Schmidtlein - January 10, 2016 at 07:48 PM

TE

“ *Jess and the boys- it broke my heart when I heard the news and I'm incredibly sorry for your loss. I will always remember Shelley for her huge heart and her wonderful sense of humor!! She was firecracker who always made us (kids) laugh and she will certainly be missed. Thinking of you guys! -Taylor Evans*

Taylor Evans - January 08, 2016 at 08:12 PM

TE

*a firecracker****

Taylor Evans - January 08, 2016 at 08:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz.*



January 08, 2016 at 05:44 PM

LD

“ *Jessie, Jordan Justin and Joey I know your hearts are heavy ,may you carry the love of your mom in your hearts each day. She loved you all more than herself and that love will endure. She was so proud of the young woman and men you are, and will be with in spirit as you continue through your life's path. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Linda Daniels*

Linda Daniels - January 08, 2016 at 11:24 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz.*



January 08, 2016 at 11:05 AM



“ *Sheila D Seymour lit a candle in memory of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz*



Sheila D Seymour - January 08, 2016 at 09:38 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz.*



January 07, 2016 at 08:31 PM



“ *although a lot of years have passed since I last saw shelly I remember her when we were kids I think when shes was very young she had a pet monkey. im sorry so many years went by I never got to spend more time with her and her sibilings but what I remember about her was she was funny smart and very beautiful and very proud she was one of my many cousins gone to soon rest on shelly I will think of you often. David Whitlow*

david whitlow - January 07, 2016 at 07:33 PM

EK

“ Sorry to hear of your mother's passing, what a shock. She will be missed but she will always be with you in your heart and memories. Remember family is important and you will need to rely on them during this difficult time. Prayers are with all of you.

Ellen Koester - January 07, 2016 at 07:00 PM

EK

“ Ellen Koester lit a candle in memory of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz



Ellen Koester - January 07, 2016 at 06:57 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz.



January 07, 2016 at 06:48 PM

CT

“ God has gained a beautiful angel in heaven. The video is beautiful. You have many wonderful memories to keep your mom, daughter, friend, grandma with you always. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you

Cindy Tew-Barber - January 07, 2016 at 06:37 PM

JS

“ *Judy & Bill Shields purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz.*



Judy & Bill Shields - January 07, 2016 at 05:15 PM

BF

“ *Bob and Shelly Finuf purchased the Garden of Memories for the family of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz.*



Bob and Shelly Finuf - January 07, 2016 at 05:04 PM

MB

“ *Monique Barnard purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz.*



Monique Barnard - January 07, 2016 at 04:03 PM

JK

“ *Shelley loved her children and grandchildren with unbridled passion and joy. I remember the first time I met her and what a hoot she was. From then on it was as if we'd known each other for years. I can only imagine the grief her family is experiencing. Jessie, you are like a second daughter to me - always was and always will be. I don't know what else to say except she was one special lady and that I love you. You'll get through this.*

Janet Koehler - January 07, 2016 at 03:19 PM

BM

“ It was only a couple months ago Janelle and I stood and talked to Shelley in line at Dillons and enjoyed every moment, She has always been a good friend and will be missed dearly, She was also an amazing person toward my oldest daughter Lindsey as well, Always treated her like her own. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her and her family, especially her kids.

Bob Miller - January 07, 2016 at 01:57 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz.



January 07, 2016 at 01:54 PM

 Kathy Allen

“ Thinking about you, Jessie Bear. Much love to you and your family. Kathy Allen

Kathy Allen - January 07, 2016 at 01:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz.



January 07, 2016 at 12:37 PM



“ *My condolences to your family. Her picture looks just as she was as a high school student. My prayers are with you all. Karen Mead*

Karen Mead - January 07, 2016 at 12:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz.*



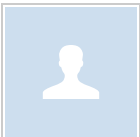
January 07, 2016 at 12:11 PM



“ *Buddy and Sondra Welsh purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz.*



Buddy and Sondra Welsh - January 07, 2016 at 12:05 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz.*



January 07, 2016 at 11:59 AM

DB

“ *David & Denise Bedore purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz.*



David & Denise Bedore - January 07, 2016 at 09:56 AM

BC

“ *I was just shocked yesterday when I heard about Shelley. She was always such a nice lady. So sorry for the family, hang in there and remember all the good times.*
Bill & Jerri Childs


bill childs - January 07, 2016 at 09:33 AM

LS

“ *Love, Julie Sterbenz purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz.*



Love, Julie Sterbenz - January 07, 2016 at 09:25 AM

 Denise Humphrey

“ *Our hearts are breaking for you all . . . loving thoughts, prayers, and hugs to Shelley's children, grandchildren, and family.*

Scott, Denise, Erin and Tyler Humphrey

Denise Humphrey - January 07, 2016 at 08:44 AM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss, we were neighbors for 25 years, Always will remember her kind & giving spirit, she always made us feel right at home. We will truly miss her & pray for peace & comfort for the family.

David & Denise Bedore

Denise Bedore - January 07, 2016 at 08:33 AM

JS

“ My heart aches deeply for you all. Joey, Justin, Jessica, Jordan- May God hold all of your hands and lead you through your loss. May you find some comfort knowing that Shelley is at Peace and looking down on all of you with her heart full of Love for each and everyone of her loved ones. Shelley will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

My deepest sympathies to you all.

*Love,
Julie Sterbenz*

Julie Sterbenz - January 07, 2016 at 08:13 AM

LH

“ No words can express the loss of a friend or family member. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. So many good memories, may you hold them close and never let them go. Shelley was such a wonderful lady and knew how to make us all laugh and smile. Life will be so different without her. May it comfort you to know she has started a new chapter and is in a place we can only dream about. I believe our creator has new plans for her. May he also comfort you during this very difficult time.

The Hersh Family

Linda Hersh - January 07, 2016 at 08:02 AM

LP

“ I just ran into Shelley before the holidays and was glad to chat with her. She was a wonderful, friendly, strong woman that cared very much about her children and her community. She was the type of Mom that had a positive impact on Shawnee Heights schools. Our community has lost a warm soul.

Leslie Prentice

Leslie Prentice - January 07, 2016 at 07:06 AM

AM

“ To the family of Shelley-- I worked at Highland Park Bank with Shelley. Shelley is one of the kindest people I have ever known. I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm sure there is a special chair in Heaven just for her. God Bless and Keep your family strong and in Faith during this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Arlene Mendoza-Davin*

Arlene Mendoza-Davin - January 07, 2016 at 12:13 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz.*



January 06, 2016 at 11:27 PM



“ *Kyle, Shelly, Tanner, Kaden Walker and Judy George purchased the Health Nut Basket for the family of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz.*



Kyle, Shelly, Tanner, Kaden Walker and Judy George - January 06, 2016 at 10:22 PM



“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz.*



January 06, 2016 at 10:06 PM



“ *Shelley I remember as children when you lived on Jewell all the fun times we had while our parents played cards downstairs. Oh all the fun we used to have as cousins!!!! I remember most when we would call grocery stores and play pranks on them until the phone company called the house back and told our parents that children were playing on the phone. Sure were some good times. Love your cousin, Terri*

Terri Neiswender - January 06, 2016 at 09:21 PM

RW

“ *I have known Shelley since grade school- always a smile. I'm so sorry for the loss. Prayers to family -
Renee Brungardt Williams*

Renee Williams - January 06, 2016 at 09:17 PM

TN

“ *Terri Neiswender lit a candle in memory of
Shelley Kathleen Sterbenz*



Terri Neiswender - January 06, 2016 at 09:13 PM

SA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the family, I knew
Shelley through her mom Judy Walker she
was fun loving and caring - she loved her
family and will be missed - Jim & Serena
Anderson*



Serena Anderson - January 06, 2016 at 08:10 PM

JS

“ *Dear Sterbenz Family, I am sorry to read of Shelly's passing. She
was a great mother and a wonderful room mother at SHES. Please
know all of you are in my thoughts and I send my love to each of
you. Jan Slagle The kids' first grade teacher*

Jan Slagle - January 06, 2016 at 06:53 PM

SA

Dear Sterbenz Family, I am so sorry to hear of Shelly's passing. I remember your Mother from Shawnee Heights days. Justin and Brett were in the same grade and Jorden and Drew played ball together when they were really young. I always thought what a loving Mother she was. God bless your family. Sheryl Lindeen Allison

Sheryl Allison - January 07, 2016 at 07:09 PM

DS

*Please accept my sincere sympathy for your entire family. May your hearts be filled with happy memories of Shelly. She was a sweetie!
Diana Judd Swafford*

Diana Swafford - January 08, 2016 at 02:48 PM