



Shirley Brown

November 21, 1936 - April 16, 2025

Shirley Joann Brown, 88, passed away Wednesday, April 16, 2025, in Topeka, Kansas. She was born on November 21, 1936, to Royal Frank Albert Schank and Edith Marie Schank in Hanover, Kansas.

Shirley grew up in Hanover and attended Hanover public schools. She later moved to Topeka and attended Clark's Business School in Topeka. Shirley was a longtime employee of Santa Fe Railroad. She worked in the Santa Fe General Office Building as a Comptometer Operator and later retired from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. Shirley married Frank George Reeb in 1958 and to this union, a daughter, Sheri and a son, Frank, were born. Her husband, Frank, sadly passed away in 1973. Shirley later married Jerry W. Brown in 1977.

Shirley enjoyed camping and traveling with Jerry, basket making with her sisters, crocheting, and spending time with her family. She especially enjoyed watching her granddaughters, great-granddaughters, and great-grandson. She also volunteered for many years at St. Francis Hospital.

Shirley is survived by her children, Frank (Rachel) Reeb and Sheri (Jim) Lee; grandchildren, Jennifer Gould, Megan (Cory) Terrel, Savannah Reeb, Macie Reeb, and Myles Palmer; great-grandchildren, Catie, Mollee, Kai, and Olivia; sisters, Bonnie Tegethoff, Sharon Roberts, and Carole Cloud; and many

cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry W. Brown, her parents, sisters, Jackie Hoegner and Betty Neu, and brother, Ronnie Schank.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. with a funeral service to follow at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands Humane Society or Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
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Funeral Service

APR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Brown



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 21, 2025 at 12:11 PM

JD

“ So sorry to hear Shirley has passed. Fred and I were neighbors for many years and really loved her and Jerry. We did not know she passed until this afternoon. Prayers and hugs to Shirley's family! She will be missed!!!
Fred & Janet Dunn

Janet Dunn - April 22, 2025 at 01:34 PM

EH

“ So sorry for the loss of Aunt Shirley. 😭 She was always so sweet and nice! Prayers for all of you! Amen! 🙏🙏🙏

Edward Hernandez - April 22, 2025 at 11:12 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Brown.



April 21, 2025 at 08:16 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Shirley Brown.*



April 20, 2025 at 05:04 PM



“ *I loved Shirley. She had a great sense of humor. I loved watching her enjoy her Miller Lite. The world is dimmer without her.*



Sharey Thomas - April 19, 2025 at 12:26 PM



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

April 19, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Brown.*



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