



## Shirley Ann Heit

December 18, 1932 - January 4, 2018

Shirley Ann Heit, 85, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Thursday, January 4, 2018.

Shirley was born December 18, 1932, in Wichita, the daughter of Doris Quick Carnes and step-father, K. R. Carnes. She was a 1950 graduate of Wichita East High School, and earned a degree in speech pathology in 1954 from Wichita State University. Shirley taught for one year at Wichita State Hearing and Speech prior to moving to Topeka in 1955. Shirley taught Speech in Topeka for two years and then earned her master's degree in Speech Pathology and taught in the Catholic school system for two years. In 1978, she earned her master's degree in special education from Kansas State University.

In 1958, Shirley converted to the Catholic faith and in 1959, Shirley and James Heit were united in marriage enjoying over 58 years together.

After taking time to raise her family, Shirley returned to teaching as a substitute in District 501 for one year before teaching 3rd grade and special education at Crestview, Highland Park Central, Highland Park South and Lafayette Schools, retiring in 2001 with 33 years of teaching.

Shirley's survivors include her husband, Jim Heit; children, Pam Keenan

(Larry), Tony Heit (Terri), Jeff Heit (Cathy) and Mark Heit (Shane); son-in-law, Pat Meikel; grandchildren, Audrey Campbell (Seth), Phillip Meikel (Tammy), Alex Meikel (Shiloh), Arianna Meikel, Katie Heit, Paul Heit, Emma Heit, Ellie Heit, Josh Heit, Jake Heit, Riley Heit, Henry Heit and Lucy Heit; and great-grandchildren, Harry Campbell and Teddy Campbell.

Shirley was preceded in death by her daughter, Annetta Heit Meikel and granddaughter, Alaina Meikel.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where the rosary will be prayed at 7:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Christ the King Church. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Church Restoration Fund or the Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging, Guardian Angel Fund, sent in care of the funeral home

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 9. 6:00 PM - 7:30 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

JAN 9. 7:30 PM (CT)

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2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

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JAN 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church  
5973 SW 25th Street  
Topeka, KS 66614

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Ann Heit*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I had the wonderful privilege of helping Shirley through Caregivers Midwest. She truly became a friend. So very sorry for your family's loss and my prayers for all of you.*



**Lisa Longstaff** - January 09, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shirley Ann Heit.*

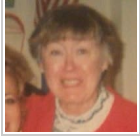


January 08, 2018 at 05:37 PM



“ *Mrs. Heit was my 3rd grade teacher at Lafayette. I have many fond memories of her and my time in elementary school. I will remember her always. Many thoughts and prayers to her family. God Bless, Alejandro "Alex" Guerrero*

**Alejandro Guerrero** - January 07, 2018 at 11:21 PM



“ Shirley and I taught together at Lafayette. For the last years, we've been Dillon's aisle buds! I shall miss her smile. God bless all. xo  
Paula Felker

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**Paula Honeyman Felker** - January 07, 2018 at 09:23 PM

JR

“ Jim  
So sorry to hear about the passing of Shirley. She will be missed.  
You and your family are in our prayers.  
Love  
Jeanne and Bill Riley

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**Jeanne Riley** - January 07, 2018 at 06:00 PM

RS

“ To the Heit family,  
I am very sorry to hear of Shirley's passing. The prayers of all the  
Strecker's are with you.  
God Bless,  
Rick

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**Rick Strecker** - January 07, 2018 at 11:10 AM

BG

“ God be with you and your family. Jim.

*Bettie Garhart*

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**Bettie Garhart** - January 07, 2018 at 08:37 AM

JH

“ We have missed Jim and Shirley so much since we moved to Kansas City. We had such a good time mainly going out to breakfast with. Will never forget the trips we shared. Shirley was my (Charlene) best buddy and always appreciated everything that I did for her. She will always be remembered. God bless to Jim and all her family. She will be sadly missed.

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**Jim and Charlene Hogan** - January 06, 2018 at 08:07 PM