



Susan Wurtz

November 15, 1945 - March 17, 2025

Susan Diane Wurtz, 79, entered eternal life on the feast of St. Patrick, March 17, 2025. She was born in Chicago, Illinois, to Richard and Norma Schicker on November 15, 1945. She was baptized at St. Morris Church and attended St. Bede Grade School. She graduated from Notre Dame High School and from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Janesville, Wisconsin.

After graduation, she moved to Topeka and worked as an evening supervisor and staff nurse in the intensive care unit at St. Francis Hospital. It was there that she took care of Vivian Wurtz, her future mother-in-law. Susan served in multiple nursing roles in three different cities and retired at the age of 71.

She married Richard F. Wurtz on July 3, 1971, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Topeka. Susan's greatest joys were cooking and feeding her family, living her Catholic faith, and spoiling her grandchildren. Susan always prayed novenas to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, or an Italian saint, like Padre Pio, for her family and friends.

Susan is survived by her husband of 54 years, Richard; her five children, Richard (Sarah), Joseph (Megan), Thomas (Kate), Kristen, Theresa (Mark); and twenty-four grandchildren and five great grandchildren; her sister, Lynne Marales; and brother, Pete Kavula.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. with a Rosary at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 27, 2025, at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka KS 66614. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. March 27, at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Paxico, Kansas.

Memorial gifts are directed by the Wurtz family for the creation of an endowed scholarship in Memory of Susan D. Wurtz, and may be sent to Benedictine College, Attn: James Kew, Office of Advancement, 1020 North Second Street, Atchison, Kansas 66002.

Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
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Topeka, KS 66614-1973
(785) 273-0710

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Committal Service

MAR 27. 2:30 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Cemetery
32323 Cemetery Rd
Paxico, KS 66526

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan Wurtz



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - March 26, 2025 at 05:04 PM



“ Dick & family,
Prayers of comfort to each of you. I worked with Susan at St. Francis hospital. She was a very caring, compassionate person and a great supervisor. Thanks to Susan we have many friends all over the US & beyond.
Joyce & Tom Heigert

Joyce Heigert - May 01, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Susan Wurtz.



March 26, 2025 at 12:22 PM

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“ *Requiescat in pace.
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord !
Dear, Wurtz Family, She was a such a dear, beautiful person we
were blessed to know. Her very strong faith helped so many. Always
a smile and encouragement for everyone. She was so sweet to us &
our children. Clearly an excellent wife & mother. We are all grateful
to have known her. God bless you, Kristin. You inherited so much
from her.
Prayers for you all as you grieve your dear wife, mother &
grandmother.*

s. Meyers - March 26, 2025 at 06:48 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Susan Wurtz.*



March 24, 2025 at 10:18 PM



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

March 24, 2025 at 10:18 PM

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“ *Heartfelt condolences, Papin & Wackers purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Susan Wurtz.*



Heartfelt condolences, Papin & Wackers - March 23, 2025 at
08:35 PM