



Theresa Mary Carter

June 17, 1930 - December 10, 2017

Theresa Mary Carter, 87, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Sunday, December, 10, 2017, at the House at Midland Care.

Theresa was born June 17, 1930, in Topeka, the daughter of Harry and Theresa Cooper Down. She attended Capitol Catholic High School (later Hayden High) and graduated from Immaculate Heart High School in 1949, where ceremonies were held at the Hollywood Bowl. Theresa worked for an attorney, Bud Cornish, before her employment at Santa Fe Railroad in the general offices. On September 25, 1954, Theresa and Berkley Meredith Carter were united in marriage at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, enjoying over 54 years together. Shortly after that, Theresa became a full-time homemaker as they raised their family. Berkley passed away December 25, 2008.

Theresa was a member of Mater Dei Catholic Parish. She took a very active role in organizing alumni reunions for Hayden High School. She served as a Cub Scout den mother, enjoyed playing the organ and most recently playing piano at Atria Hearthstone. She enjoyed crafting and craft fairs, playing Bingo and Scrabble and getting down on the floor to play with her grandchildren. Theresa loved her family dearly and was dearly loved by them. She will be greatly missed.

Grateful to have shared her life are her children, Kevin Carter (Barbara), Suzanne Bull (John), Kent Carter (Debra), Mark Carter, Chris Carter (Jennifer) and Sean Carter (Leslie); grandchildren, Sara, Will, Emily, Mary, Jacob, Rusty, Judy, Brooke, Jeremy, Bridget, Chris, Cheree, Derek, Connor, Tanner, Heather, Natalie, Valerie, Jack, Ben, Kate, Madeline, Ella and Sophie; great-grandchildren, Emerson, Hattie, Sylvia, Graham, Violet, Lydia, Carter, Camden, Tristen, Tucker, Stevie, Jayden, Jayce, Grace, Madeline, Mason and Nixon. Theresa was also preceded in death by her grandson, Chad Bull and brothers, John and Harry Down.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at Mater Dei Holy Name Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mater Dei Parish Capital Campaign or to Midland Care Hospice, sent in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **14**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mater Dei Holy Name Church
1114 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Theresa Mary Carter



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - December 14, 2017 at 01:03 PM



“ Theresa Mary Carter

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ I have not seen Theresa in many years but have fond memories of going to her house after school while attending Holy Name grade school.

*Patricia (Moore) Haines
and son John Haines*

Patricia C Haines - December 14, 2017 at 05:41 PM

KC

“ To the Carter Family...

My condolences. I did not know your mother, but it was very kind of you to note that she worked for my father, Bud, in what appears to be the early 50's.

Kent Cornish

Kent Cornish - December 13, 2017 at 04:15 PM

DD

“ *Suzanne and family,
Nola and I were so happy to get to see all of you at the end of November. We really loved your mother and so did my mom as well. I know mom and Theresa are having lunch in heaven.
Dona and Don Dei and Family*

Dona Dei - December 13, 2017 at 12:56 PM

LW

“ *It was a joy to know Theresa and her family. They always lit up the dining room at Atria Hearthstone West with laughter and fun. To all of Theresa's family, may you find peace and comfort in your memories. Helen Durstine (Atria) and her daughter Lynn Weaver*

Lynn Weaver - December 13, 2017 at 09:36 AM

CW

“ *Rest in Peace my dear friend you will be missed by many, I feel so blessed by having you in my life, If only for a short time
Remembering all the good laughs we shared. I love you dearly.
Prayers go out to your wonderful family at this sad time. (Gone but Not Forgotten).. hugs*

Charlene Workman - December 13, 2017 at 09:00 AM

JJ

“ Suzanne and Family, Deepest sympathy in the loss of your Mom. I remember how nice and kind both your Mom and Dad were to me the years I worked at Schaffert-Grimes Drug store in Holiday Square Shopping Center while I was in high school and started college at Washburn thru years 1974-1979. My prayers are with you. JIM JENKINS

james m jenkins - December 13, 2017 at 12:49 AM

LD

“ Kevin, Suzanne, Kent, Mark, Chris and Sean - I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. We lived across the street from you all growing up about 48 years ago. She was a special lady. We enjoyed all of you kids and your parents. My prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Linda Douglass

Linda Douglass - December 12, 2017 at 09:57 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of Theresa's passing. She was a wonderful friend there at Atria.
JP & Waunita MacMillan

JP MacMillan - December 12, 2017 at 07:56 PM

SS

“ My heartfelt condolences to Theresa's family. What a great lady. I feel very privileged to have gotten to know her and her wonderful family.

sharon springstead - December 12, 2017 at 07:12 PM

JD

“ *John, David, Natalie, Steve, Mike, and Paul Down purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Theresa Mary Carter.*



John, David, Natalie, Steve, Mike, and Paul Down - December 12, 2017 at 07:09 PM

SW

“ *Theresa was one of the most gracious women! Years ago we were visiting in her home and I commented that I loved her china. I was a newlywed and wanted to collect eclectic place settings for entertaining. She thought it was a wonderful idea and reached into her china cabinet and gave me one of her place settings! She had the gift of encouragement and always greeted you with a smile. I truly appreciated her ability to give people worth. She leaves a wonderful legacy for her family and you can be proud that she was your mother/grandmother. Susan Wallace*

Susan Wallace - December 12, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Theresa Mary Carter.*



December 12, 2017 at 03:00 PM

MD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Rejoice knowing she is in God's hands.*

Mike & Melodye Down - December 12, 2017 at 02:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Theresa Mary Carter.



December 12, 2017 at 10:24 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers to your family. Enjoyed visiting with Theresa at Atria. Mary Naylor

Mary Ann Naylor - December 12, 2017 at 09:14 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Anita

Anita - December 12, 2017 at 08:21 AM



“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. May God's loving kindness bring comfort and strength to you at this difficult time. 2Co 1:3, 4

Brenda - December 11, 2017 at 07:37 PM



“ The Northwest Arkansas Food Bank purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Theresa Mary Carter.



The Northwest Arkansas Food Bank - December 11, 2017 at 02:42 PM