



Toni Wellshear

October 7, 1935 - December 16, 2021

Toni Maria Wellshear, 86, died December 16, 2021, at her home in Topeka, Kansas.

Toni was born October 7, 1935, in Ellenwood, Kansas to Mary “Edna” E. and Anthony “Tony” N. Schartz. She graduated Great Bend High School in 1953 and attended K-State University and Kansas City School of Art. Toni married Robert Duane Wellshear on September 7, 1955, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Great Bend, Kansas. The couple moved to Topeka in 1957.

Toni worked in the office of Governor George Docking as a senate secretary for four years, became a stay-at-home mother and in 1983 she went to work for the Kansas Department of Human Resources, from which she retired in 2004. She was a founding member of the Keeping Seniors in the Game. Toni represented AARP as a Charter Member of the Kansas Older Worker Task Force and was a representative for Shawnee County in the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature.

Toni was an avid sports fan and enjoyed countless hours cheering on her children and grandchildren.

Toni is preceded in death by her parents Tony and Edna Schartz; brothers, Gary, Wade and Thon Schartz; sister, Zita Schartz; and son, Robert Duane

Wellshear II.

Toni is survived by her daughter, Margo Louderback; sons, Thad Wellshear (Amy) and Garth Wellshear (Jackie); five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and sister, Lael Finch.

Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, December 21st, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 2700 SW Virginia Avenue, Topeka KS 66605.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Scotty D. Foundation and sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 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 **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

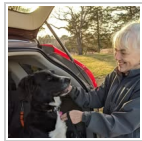
St. Matthew Catholic Church
2700 SE Virginia Ave
Topeka, KS 66605

Tribute Wall



“ *Toni Wellshear*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I worked with Toni at the state. She was one whose intent in life made life better for everyone.*

Elaine Shea - December 24, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ *My condolences to Toni's family. I worked with Toni on the Older Worker Task Force. She was very passionate for older job seekers and did everything she could do to support them. I enjoyed her company at our lunches at the Hanover Pancake House after our meetings. She will be missed.*
Suesan Harrington

Suesan Harrington - December 21, 2021 at 02:40 PM

LG

“ My condolences to Toni's family and friends. She will be missed greatly. I met Toni when I was a member of the Kansas House of Representatives through her advocacy for Older Workers and other Senior issues. Toni was enthusiastic, passionate and dedicated to helping others, particularly standing up for Senior Citizens. She touched my life. She also helped me with several of my re-election campaigns and became a loyal supporter. She continued to say she was my fan when I became Secretary of Labor. It was a pleasure serving with Toni on the Older Workers Task Force, but most of all I enjoyed her company when the group when we went to lunch after meetings at Hanover House. I regret that I am unable to attend her service as I am currently out of state, but will cherish the memories I shared with Toni.

Lana Gordon

Lana Gordon - December 21, 2021 at 02:01 AM

DC

“ Garth, Thad, I'm sorry to read about the passing of your Mom. I remember when we played in the TGA events some years ago, your Mom was the biggest "cheerleader". Certainly, she cheered for both of you but applauded others as well. She always had a smile on face when she watched you play. I'm sorry for your loss.

Dave Carson

Dave Carson - December 20, 2021 at 05:06 PM

LA

“ Toni was one of a kind - smart, funny, and true to herself. I worked with her on the Older Worker Task Force. I was in awe of her to her passion for older workers and always looked forward to our lunches at the Hanover Pancake House after the meeting. She left a hole that will be hard to fill. RIP Toni.

Laurel Alkire - December 20, 2021 at 11:59 AM

TW

Thank you for your kind words! ❤️❤️

Thad Wellshear - December 20, 2021 at 01:44 PM

KS

Thad, Tim and I were so sorry to read of your Mother's passing. Prayers for all of your family.

Tim & Karen Sommers

Karen Sommers - December 20, 2021 at 02:07 PM

DH

“ I will miss her hugs and her laughter! I am sorry for your loss but happy you were blessed by such a wonderful Mother. You are all in my heart and prayers.



Deena Hutsell - December 19, 2021 at 09:52 PM

TW

Thank you Deena!

Thad Wellshear - December 20, 2021 at 01:46 PM

CS

*Wonderful picture! Times in Great Bend and the Zamba room
We're epic. Best wishes to the family.
Dan and Cathy Steiner*

Cathy Steiner - December 20, 2021 at 08:55 PM

SK

*“ Thad, Sorry to hear about your Mom, Condolences to your family
Steve and Anna Kilde*

Steven Kilde - December 19, 2021 at 08:26 PM

LS

*“ Thad Sorry to hear of your loss. Best wishes to you all. Lyle &
Reona Shoemaker*

Lyle Shoemaker - December 19, 2021 at 06:32 PM

PS

*“ Condolences to the family. Margo, I'm so sorry for your loss.
Pat Schmidt*

Pat Schmidt - December 19, 2021 at 12:16 PM

CS

*“ Prayers and thoughts to the family. A lot of memories in Great Bend.
Cathy Steiner*

Cathy Steiner - December 18, 2021 at 09:53 PM