



## Venice Facklam

February 10, 1933 - January 12, 2023

Venice Facklam, 89, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Thursday, January 12, 2023.

Venice was born February 10, 1933, in El Dorado, Kansas, the only daughter of Orville and Janie Clarkson Bellman. At the age of 17, Venice and Harold Facklam, a schoolteacher, were united in marriage on October 8, 1950. They lived in the Alida community until Milford Lake took their home. They built their dream home in 1963 in rural Junction City and farmed the land. She was the perfect “farm wife”. Having no sons, Venice was Harold’s right hand, even singlehandedly baling hundreds of bales of hay. As a schoolteacher’s wife, she also typed all his tests and graded papers. She was active in the Zion United Church of Christ and served on the consistory board. She was a 4-H leader and an active member of EHU. In other words, she was the consummate 1950’s homemaker.

The couple sold their farm in 2016 and moved to McCrite Plaza where Venice was serving as President of the Residential Council and was an Ambassador. She appeared in McCrite basketball team TV ad and as the golfer in another of their ads. Venice was well known and dearly loved.

Grateful to have shared her life are her daughters, Linda Smith (Glen) Hoyt, and Karen Jameson (John) Junction City; four grandchildren, Shelley Grutsch

(Jeff) Maple Hill, Todd Ross (Michelle) Amboy WA, Christine Russell (Matthew) Hoyt and Brandon Jameson (Amy) Newton KS; 12 great-grandchildren, Brennon Ross, Kyle Ross, Jatin Ross, Ryan Grutsch, A.J. Grutsch, Taylor Olberding (Craig), Karsyn Russell, Carl Russell, Callyn Jameson, Dylan Jameson, Emma Jameson and Cohen Jameson; her sister-in-law, Wanda Sowell, Aiea HI; and many nieces and nephews. Venice was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, May 23, 2019.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m., Friday, January 27, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home. 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. This service will be livestreamed on the funeral home Facebook page. Inurnment will be 2 p.m., Saturday, January 28, in St. John Cemetery, Junction City KS.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Zion United Church of Christ, Junction City or to McCrite Plaza, sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. John's Cemetery

Junction City, KS

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Committal Service

JAN 28. 2:00 PM.

St. John's Cemetery  
Junction City, KS

# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Venice Facklam



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 26, 2023 at 03:10 PM

JJ

I am sad to learn about Venice's passing. My condolences to the Facklam family. Jerry Jost, Kansas Land Trust

Jerry Jost - June 12, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ Venice Facklam

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Venice Facklam.



January 27, 2023 at 09:30 PM

AH

“ Alana's Daughter Heather lit a candle in memory of Venice Facklam



Alana's daughter Heather - January 26, 2023 at 09:25 AM

KG

“ Linda, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a great lady, always full of energy and ideas! I met her only a few times in person, but got to know her through the stories you shared. I know she'll be missed, but your memories of her will continue to be a treasure.

Kathy and Bill Gosa - January 25, 2023 at 11:49 AM

MS

“ Mark and Chris Smith purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Venice Facklam.



Mark and Chris Smith - January 17, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ Karen, so sorry for your loss. I have so many fun memories spending time with your family. Your mom always made me feel welcome. Barb Keeler

Barbara Keeler - January 16, 2023 at 11:09 AM

MA

“ *Karen and family, your mom was a farm wife I admired!!  
Condolences to all of you! Steve & Marlo Z*

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**MarloZumbrunn** - January 15, 2023 at 07:50 PM