



## Veronica Stafford

January 14, 1930 - May 31, 2024

Veronica Stafford, 94, Topeka, was called to her heavenly home May 31, 2024. Veronica was a long-time resident of Topeka and parishioner of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic church, where she was active in various church activities. Veronica was born into a German community in Quinter, Kansas, on January 14, 1930. When Veronica was 11 years old, the family moved to Salina, Kansas, and since the family only spoke German, she had to learn to speak English for school. She graduated from Sacred Heart High School and Marymount College, both in Salina, She earned a degree in teaching and taught for a few years.

Veronica married Donald (Don) Stafford, August 23, 1950, at Sacred Heart church in Salina, Kansas. They settled down in Salina and started their family. They were married 61 years and were blessed with eight children.

Veronica taught herself to do upholstery and started her own business, Stafford Upholstery, which allowed her to work in the home and be there for her family. Veronica was a woman of many talents and enjoyed many hobbies, including sewing, crocheting, embroidery, painting and crafting. She greatly enjoyed her grand, great, and great-great-grandchildren.

Veronica was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; her parents Emanuel and Mary Hecker, her sister and brother-in-law Evangeline and John

Jilka; sister Irene Fiffe; brother Vernon Hecker; brother-in-law Chuck Rider; brother-in-law Roy House; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Darrell and Jean Stafford; daughter-in-law Angie Stafford; son-in-law Tim Riddle; grandson Joshua Brown, and nephews Stephen and Gregory Stafford. She is survived by her eight children: Patricia Stafford, Roberta (Terry) Brown, Thomas Stafford, David (Krista) Stafford, Mary (Lloyd May) Stafford, Paul (Kristy) Stafford, all of Topeka; Christine Riddle (Minden, NV) and James (Joni) Stafford, Winslow, IN; 30 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren; sisters: Louelle (Jim) Clennan, Delores Rider, Donna House, sister-in-law Jackie Hecker, brother-in-law Al Fiffe and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Kevin Brennan Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish, Topeka, Kansas, Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 6-8 p.m., with a Rosary at 7:30 p.m. Mass will be held at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3601 SW 17th St. Topeka, KS 66604 on June 6, 2024, at 12 p.m. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Phoenix Home Care and Hospice; or the Macular Degeneration Association.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 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](mailto:info@kevinbrennanfamily.com)

## Rosary

JUN 5. 7:30 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
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## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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JUN 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church  
3601 SW 17th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Veronica Stafford



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - June 04, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ Care Transformation Team, Stormont Vail purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Veronica Stafford.



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**Care Transformation Team, Stormont Vail** - June 06, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ Sarah Jilka planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Veronica Stafford.

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**Sarah Jilka** - June 05, 2024 at 04:56 PM

CO

“ I want you to know that I am so sorry about your mom's / grandma's passing. She was such a kind person who was very strong in her faith and beliefs. Family was always so important to her and she was always happy whenever everyone was around. I know that she is now home with our Heavenly Father and that she and your dad / grandpa are happy to be together again. I will always remember her fondly. Cindy Olmstead

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**Cindy Olmstead** - June 05, 2024 at 03:23 PM

CO

“ 29 files added to the album Family



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**Cindy Olmstead** - June 05, 2024 at 02:28 PM

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“ The House Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Veronica Stafford.

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**The House Family** - June 05, 2024 at 01:27 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Veronica Stafford.*



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June 05, 2024 at 01:27 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to you all. Your mother was a warm and loving person whose memories will be forever in your hearts.*

*Steve and Gayle Alejos*

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**Gayle Alejos** - June 05, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ *Steve and Kelly Potter and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Veronica Stafford.*



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**Steve and Kelly Potter and Family** - June 05, 2024 at 08:48 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Veronica Stafford.*



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June 04, 2024 at 11:47 PM

SH

“ I cherish the times I brought Jesus to Veronica in Holy Communion. Her very presence always brought me joy because of her steadfast commitment and love for our Lord. I know she blessed many lives and is in her final resting place with Jesus and His Blessed Mother! God bless the Stafford family for their love and support of Veronica.  
Sally Hubbell

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**Sally Hubbell** - June 04, 2024 at 09:12 AM

MA

“ Dear Stafford Family,  
I had the grateful pleasure of meeting Mrs. Stafford at her great-great grandson's birthday. She moved me as she cradled Jeremiah softly singing Happy Birthday to him. So glad I captured this image. My heartfelt condolences to her family. She was one of the sweetest people I've ever met.  
May our Lord keep you during this time.  
Most Sincerely,  
Chuck & Mary McCoy  
(Jeremiah is our great grandson)



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**Mary** - June 03, 2024 at 10:19 PM

SM

“ Veronica was one of the sweetest lady I know. I was honored to be her hairstylist for many years, having a standing with me each Friday morning of the week. She brightened all the girls in the salon by her presence!! She will surely be missed!! Thoughts and prayers to her sweet children!!! Love you all!!! Shirley Majeroni

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**Shirley Majeroni** - June 03, 2024 at 09:05 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Veronica Stafford.*



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June 03, 2024 at 03:08 PM



“ *The Jilka Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Veronica Stafford.*

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**The Jilka Family** - June 03, 2024 at 03:08 PM