



W. Joan Olson Lardner

April 4, 1930 - March 4, 2014

W. Joan Olson Lardner, 83, Topeka, passed away Tuesday, March 04, 2014, at Midland Care Hospice House. Joan was born April 4, 1930 in Olsburg, Kansas, the daughter of Victor Smith Olson and Rosa Catherine Lintz Olson. Joan attended St. Mary College in Leavenworth and graduated from St. Francis nurses training as a Registered Nurse in 1950. Joan worked for Dr. Bedford for over 20 years and then for St. Francis Hospital as a cardiac care nurse. On November 24, 1984, Joan and Charles Francis "Corky" Lardner were united in marriage at Holy Name Church, enjoying over 26 years together. He preceded her in death in 2011. Joan was a member of Mater Dei Parish and the Holy Name Rosary Circle. Joan's many loves and interests included her beloved dogs, Molly Brown, Wiz and Henry; her family and friends, K-State and KU – unless KSU was playing KU; The KC Royals and Chiefs; carrot cake and Swedish meatballs; Holy Name Catholic Church; working for Dr. Bedford; the Wizard of Oz; and Winnie the Pooh and the Peanuts Gang. Survivors include her brother, Victor Olson and Patricia, Olsburg KS; nine nieces and nephews and 14 grand-nieces and nephews and many great-nieces and nephews; her sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Hoferer, and brother-in-law, Joseph Lardner. Joan was also preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Merrill Francis Olson and Lyndon Olson, sisters-in-law, Anna Olson and Catherine Newton and her brother-in-law, James Lardner. Family will greet friends Friday evening from 5 until 7 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. A parish rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. followed by a Florence Nightengale ceremony. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Mater Dei Holy Name Church. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorial Contributions are suggested to the Charles and Joan Lardner Nursing Scholarship at University of St. Mary, 4100 S 4th St, Leavenworth KS 66048, Mater Dei Parish, 1114 SW 10th St, Topeka KS 66604 and Midland Care Hospice, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka KS 66606.

Tribute Wall



“ *W. Joan Olson Lardner*

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“ *Joan was wonderful person. I really enjoyed working for her. I am so glad that I got to meet her and Corky. I will miss her dearly. God bless her and now she is at peace.*

Linda Jones - March 06, 2014 at 03:51 PM



“ *Joan was such an important part of our lives for so many years. I don't know how Dad would have gotten along without her. I have so many memories of her and as I sit here thinking of her, i can hear her laugh.*

May she rest in peace and may you have comfort in your many memories of her and the knowledge she is in Heaven with God.

Pam Bedford Whitaker - March 05, 2014 at 10:26 AM