



## Rose Lee Van Mol

February 25, 1923 - October 7, 2021

Mrs. Rose Lee Van Mol, 98, died Thursday morning, October 7th, 2021, at home in the care of her children. Rose Lee was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Edwin Van Mol; her son, Robert Jeremy Van Mol; her parents, Robert Adrian and Anne Marie McAnany; her siblings, Robert Adrian McAnany, Jr., Mary Anne Textor, and Louis Sarsfield McAnany; her brother-in-law, Ralph George Textor; and her grandsons, Jonathan David Seitz and Jacob Neal Neuhaus.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Mrs. JoAnn McAnany; her children, Rebecca Anne Van Mol, Mary Kristin Van Mol, Susan Lee Van Mol, Timothy Gerald Van Mol, Joan Elizabeth Seitz (David), Patrick Dion Van Mol, Rose Ellen Neuhaus (Pete), Terence Damian Van Mol, Anne Marie Richardson (George), and Elizabeth Maria Ward (Robert); her 18 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and her many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Rose Lee was a Shawnee girl, attending elementary and high school at St. Joseph's, then attending Mount St. Scholastica (Benedictine College) and the University of Kansas to study writing. While she had a great love of language and writing (publishing one article in the Kansas City Star), she chose to devote her life to family.

After college, Rose Lee worked at North American Aviation and then TWA.

While working at TWA, Rose Lee met Gerry through her future sister-in-law, Mary Chown, a fellow Shawnee girl. Rose Lee and Gerry married in 1949, living in Argentine where her home parish became Sacred Heart. Rose Lee was a long time member of the St. Theresa's Circle of the Altar Society at Sacred Heart, and an auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary for almost 20 years.

Rose Lee filled their home with the best offerings in children's literature to share her love of words and illustration with the children. She was a skilled gardener, creating a natural playground where her children could explore and let their imaginations run wild. Her baking skills were shared generously, with her cinnamon bread being a favorite.

When Gerry retired in 1980, he and Rose Lee were finally able to travel, visiting the home town of Gerry's family in Mol, Belgium, Rose Lee's family in Enniskeen, Ireland, France, and Hawaii. Motor home trips allowed them to explore America over several summers with many of their children, as well as some trips with their siblings and in-laws. One of their last trips was van camping all around Mexico.

As one of Mom's favorites, The Sons of the Pioneers, would say, "Happy Trails to You!" Say hi to Dad for us!

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Kansas City, KS. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Shawnee, KS. Friends may call from 5:00-7:00 PM Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at the Maple Hill Funeral Home where the Rosary will be said at 6:30 PM.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Shawnee, KS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **12**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
3300 Shawnee Dr  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 831-3345  
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com  
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **13**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
2646 S. 34th St.  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 677-1277

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rose Lee Van Mol*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Rose Lee Van Mol*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Your mom was so sweet, Liza and Molly. I have the fondest memories of spending the night during grade school and playing outside at your house! Such a beautiful place to explore. She always made me feel welcome and that smile of hers was nonstop. I never had her breads but I can vouch for her chocolate chip cookies being the best I ever had! God bless her soul. You and your family are in my prayers for peace.  
Tell Anne Textor hello for me please Mrs. Van Mol.*

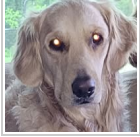
**Laura Madl Alvarado** - October 13, 2021 at 08:21 AM



“ *The L. S. McAnany family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rose Lee Van Mol.*



**The L. S. McAnany family** - October 12, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ *I will miss your mama at church...she was always a ray of sunshine.!she always made me feel like i was in the presence of pure love.my heart cries for your family,but,Rose is in Heaven,and that makes me smile through the tears.*

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**Dee Kincaid Schoenberger** - October 11, 2021 at 10:28 PM

ML

“ *Mike, Karen & Patrick Lauterbach purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rose Lee Van Mol.*



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**Mike, Karen & Patrick Lauterbach** - October 11, 2021 at 12:18 PM

BM

“ *Your mom always had the biggest smile and was full of compliments. Made me feel better after talking to her, every time. What a grand lady. Prayers and condolences to the family.*

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**Brian McAnany** - October 10, 2021 at 02:01 PM

TT

“ *One of the best parts of visiting our cousins was to enjoy the aroma and, most of all, the flavor of my dear Aunt's baking!*

*We love you all and savor our memories.*

*Ted, Betsy, Chris and Helen*

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**Ted Textor** - October 09, 2021 at 08:14 PM

MM

*My condolences to the entire beautiful family 🙏🙏*

**Mary Ellen Myers** - October 12, 2021 at 04:59 PM

MR

*Rose Lee was a ray of sunshine. No matter how bad your day was going, a few words from her made the heart feel good. I'm sure she is blessed with heavenly hugs that are well deserved. <3*

**Maureen McAnany Ronolo** - January 13, 2022 at 09:45 PM

EK

“ *Dear Van Mol cousins,  
I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing, I have so many memories of your mom. To many to mention here.  
She was always so kind to Bob & me when we came to KC. And I was so glad to get to see her one more time in October of 2019.  
I knew that was probably the last time I would get to KC.  
I will say that every time I talked to Kristi, would always ask how your mom was.  
I'm sure there is much rejoicing in heaven & a lot of Irish partying going on.  
May her soul & all of the souls of the faithfully departed Rest In Peace Amen  
May the Angels carry her in to Paradise & to Our God Most High Amen 🙏🍀  
I am sorry I will not be there for her funeral, but know I will be there in spirit.  
All my love,  
Your Cousin Eileen 🍀*



**Eileen Krauss** - October 09, 2021 at 08:13 PM



“ *Loving Grace was purchased for the family of  
Rose Lee Van Mol.* ”



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October 09, 2021 at 04:06 PM