



## Holly Blair Hutchens

August 22, 1942 - October 15, 2019

The Rev. Holly B. Hutchens died on Tuesday October 15 at Heritage Healthcare in Chanute after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Holly was born on August 22, 1942 to Edward and Charlotte Hutchens in Petersburg, VA. She grew up in Hinsdale, IL.

Holly received her BA from the University of Michigan and her MA from the University of Chicago. She spent a year living in India studying Indian art history. She taught Art History at Cedarcrest College in Pennsylvania and at SW Missouri State University.

In 1985 Holly entered Seabury Western Theological Seminary where she studied for the Episcopal priesthood. She was ordained in 1988 and served congregations in Illinois, Kansas and Missouri. She then spent six years living in the Highlands of Scotland where she served as the Rector of St. Ninian's Scottish Episcopal Church. Holly loved to travel and to explore new cultures and cuisines—one of her favorite dishes was Haggis with tatties and neeps! And, of course, anything chocolate.

After she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's she returned to Chanute where she had a support group of dear friends. She lived at Country Place until she broke her hip. She then went to live at Heritage Healthcare where she made many friends among the staff and the other residents.

Holly is survived by her sister Pamela Edwards, and her brothers James Hutchens, Curtis Hutchens and Timothy Hutchens their spouses, children and grandchildren.

Cremation has been requested and a Celebration of life will be held at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Iola on Tuesday, October 29 at 11:00 AM, The Rev. David Kent officiating. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 202 S. Walnut St., Iola KS 66749 or the Alzheimer's Association, 229 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.



# Events

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**OCT**   **Celebration of Life**   11:00AM  
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St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
202 S. Walnut St., Iola, KS, US, 66749

# Comments

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“ Many fond memories with Holly over the years. Especially during her time as interim at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church and as a member of our study group for many years thereafter. She was a gift to all who knew her and we will be forever grateful for her part in our lives. She was a friend, confidante and pastoral presence for me and many others. And, yes, she married us along with Ron Roberts from Second Church almost 23 years ago, another blessing..

**Marcia Tammeus** - October 30, 2019 at 10:05 AM

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“ God bless all of you at this time.  
I remember Holly as a happy presence at St. Michael's when she was our interim. She did a great job by keeping us on the right journey.  
Peace,  
Ardeith Hopkins

**Ardeith L Hopkins** - October 29, 2019 at 11:09 PM

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“ Holly came to Saint Michael 's at the same time we did and became, not only my priest, but also mentor, friend, confidant, a blessing to me and my clan.

**diana patterson** - October 29, 2019 at 04:41 PM

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“ Thanks to Holly for being half of a two-pastor team to marry Marcia and me in 1996. It stuck.

**Bill Tammeus** - October 29, 2019 at 04:35 PM

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“ Paula Colston sent a virtual gift in memory of Holly Blair Hutchens



**Paula Colston** - October 19, 2019 at 12:31 PM

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“ Mother Holly could spot a person in need of prayer from a mile away! I will treasure the blessed moments of watching her give hope and help to many such souls in need.

**Susan Nunan** - October 18, 2019 at 04:47 AM



“ Mother Holly, while Interim at Trinity Episcopal Church, gave spiritual guidance to the entire parish with empathy. She leaves wonderful memories.

Blessings,  
Jan Erland

**Janis L. Erland** - October 24, 2019 at 07:50 PM