



James Robert Wurtz

October 26, 1931 - April 3, 2020

For the family and friends of James Wurtz unable to attend his funeral service, we will be live streaming his funeral Mass Tuesday April 7, at 10 am. You can go straight to our Facebook page by clicking here. [Facebook- Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home][https://www.facebook.com/Kevin-Brennan-Funeral-Home-116876148342762/?eid=ARATA-ZxIm1wStyz5tm8Xz0mJpqRivpol91yzf2TB00AY1Tt489-J_aOrTLlei7L2LYiJS6Jh34Si14M](https://www.facebook.com/Kevin-Brennan-Family-Funeral-Home-116876148342762/?eid=ARATA-ZxIm1wStyz5tm8Xz0mJpqRivpol91yzf2TB00AY1Tt489-J_aOrTLlei7L2LYiJS6Jh34Si14M)

James Robert Wurtz, 88, Topeka, Kansas, passed away at his home, Friday, April 3, 2020.

Robert, as he was known by family, was born October 26, 1931, on the family farm near Clifton, Kansas, to Bernard and Loretta Straub Wurtz. He graduated in 1948 from Haddam High School and for several years worked on the family farm. He served our country in the US Navy during the Korean War on the USS El Dorado. In 1953, Robert and Winona Diederich were united in marriage at St. Michael's Church in Kimeo, Kansas.

He began his 32-year career in telecommunications with Southwestern Bell as a lineman, working his way to PBX repair when he retired at age 57. Then he enjoyed life. Robert never knew a stranger. He enjoyed gardening and was the all-around fix-it guy who could fix anything. He loved any time with his family, truly enjoying his grandchildren and his siblings. Robert was a 50 plus year member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Grateful to have shared Robert's life are his wife, Winona; their children, John Wurtz (Theresa), David Wurtz, Jeanine Holbrook (Sonny), Janet Stewart, Paul Wurtz (Deb) and Lisa Aragon; 11 grandchildren, Nathan, Jack, Jessie, Allison, Aaron, Joshua, Cody, Elizabeth, Dustin, Alisha and Ethan; 10 great-grandchildren, A.J., Grayson, Elijah, Ryan, Lincoln, Andrew, Jace, Ryder, Caiden and Silas; Robert's sister, Vera Girard; and sister-in-law, Diane Wurtz.

Robert was preceded in death by a daughter, Amy Elizabeth, granddaughter, Ashleigh Elizabeth, and siblings, Clarence, Marvin, Veronica, Lawrence, Theresa, Wilfred, Audrey, Marie and Bernard.

Due to COVID-19 there is not a public service at this time. His immediate family will attend Mass of Christian Burial and burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Comments



“ Jeanine and all of the Wirtz Family,
I am very sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Rick Strecker - April 08 at 08:08 PM



“ Jeanine and family, sending prayers of comfort and peace. May you find joy in the many memories of your Dad.

Kathy Hortenstine - April 08 at 09:55 AM



“ Jeannine and all of your family, we are so sorry and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



Kathy & Jeff McKee - April 08 at 06:38 AM



“ David, John and Jeanine Jimmy and I send our sympathy for the loss of your Dad. We will be keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. May be granted eternal peace and may his perpetual light shine brightly down upon all of you. Jim and Anna Estes-Chavez

Anna Chavez - April 07 at 10:32 PM



“ Jeanine and family, sorry to hear of your dads passing. May the memories help you through this difficult time. Tammy Ingenthron wiltz

tammy wiltz - April 07 at 10:20 PM



“ Winona and family- we are sorry to hear of Robert's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. I enjoyed bringing Holy Communion to you on Sundays and reminiscing about your lives and our families. God bless.

Dan and Mary Sanders - April 06 at 02:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Robert Wurtz.



April 06 at 02:04 PM



“ Paul -

We would like to express our condolences to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Todd and Stacey Wienck

Todd Wienck - April 06 at 01:15 PM



“ Jeanine,
I'm sorry to hear of your dads passing. I know this can't be an easy time. Treasure the memories.

Mary T Schnellbacher-Decker

Mary T - April 06 at 11:58 AM



“ My father-in-law is someone I will think of often in my life time, I pattern myself after him to this day, and for the rest of my life. I will always remember him for his loving heart, he would help you with anything. He often came to visit, and when he was ready to leave he would just leave, and I would always laugh, and say he didn't say goodbye. We would work on cars ect, and he would say thing like Bernard you think we should do this, and I would say that would be a good idea, he would do something else. He will forever be a part of my life, glad he gave me a chance to be a part of his. I love you Mr. James Robert Wurtz AKA DAD.



Bernard Stewart - April 06 at 06:24 AM



“ I have a memory of a young Robert riding a tricycle in our home movie with a huge grin and his famous dimples. He was a fun uncle, but also a very helpful one. First if you needed directions, he was your man! But I have a special memory of coming home from work one day and finding Robert helping my dad seed our 2 acre yard. He was working out of Wichita for awhile. While he was there he put together a jelly cupboard I had built. I remember he and dad painting Audrey's house when he was ill. Always willing to lend a hand. I'm sure he had no problems with directions to heaven. I imagine him and dad having a great of cards!

Debbie Kimble - April 05 at 04:26 PM



“ Uncle Robert was always fun to talk to and could really liven up a room with his great sense of humor. I am so glad Randy and I were able to stop by and visit with Robert and Winona last summer when we were passing through Topeka. My sisters and I used to find it so entertaining to listen to the lively and colorful conversation whenever Robert and Dad would get together. He was a sweet man and I will miss him.

Dawn Chastain - April 05 at 01:50 PM