



## John W. Cavanaugh

August 20, 1940 - February 10, 2019

John W. Cavanaugh died on Sunday, February 10, 2019. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Louise Cavanaugh; his sister, Ann Edelman; five children, ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

John graduated from Hayden High School, Rockhurst University, and the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry. Following that he was an officer in the Navy Dental Corps. Later, he received a Master's Degree in Family Counseling from Emporia State University.

In addition, to his accomplishments both academic and professional, John was a painter, photographer, author, and animal lover. He will be missed dearly.

The family requests donations to the Alzheimer's Association and Midland Care Hospice, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

# Comments

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“ My name is Linda Wilson Carroll. My father was Albert Wilson, a pharmacist who was good friends with John's father. My dad and John Sr. also discovered they were distant cousins through my dad's mother. John Jr. was also my dentist for many years before his retirement. My family and I want to extend our condolences even though we are distant cousins. Even my children remember him as their dentist for years, both are grown and gone from home for many years. He impacted our life, as well as many others, and will be missed.

**Linda Carroll** - February 19, 2019 at 11:21 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of my childhood dentist and your loved one! He was truly a sweet man and a joy to be around in my youth! He made going to the dentist a wonderful experience! He will be truly missed!!!!

Roger Smith

**Roger Smith** - February 19, 2019 at 08:38 AM

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“ Dr Cavanaugh was my dentist for years until he retired. He was a great guy that had a gift for conversation. Peace and prayers to the family.  
Debby Fitzhugh

**debby fitzhugh** - February 17, 2019 at 01:12 AM

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“ He was my Dentist for several years. After I was married he helped my wife Sheri through some particularly poor practice from another Dentist that not many may have stepped in to. What an awesome man!!!!

Rick Kendall

**Rick Kendall** - February 15, 2019 at 11:08 AM

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“ We went to Dr. Cavanaugh for years our thoughts and prayers go out to you The Strobel family

**David Strobel** - February 15, 2019 at 10:47 AM

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“ Louise, please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of John. I have many great memories of John from grade school at Holy Name, high school at Hayden and the college years that followed. He was one of the best.

I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

**Gene Smith** - February 14, 2019 at 06:44 PM

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“ Louise and family,

I am sorry to hear that John Wm. had passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

John & JoAnn Keir, Roeland Park, KS

**John Keir** - February 14, 2019 at 03:59 PM

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“ Louise and family so sorry to hear about your loss and my condolences to the entire family. May he rest in peace.

**Maudenna Burke** - February 14, 2019 at 03:00 PM

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“ Louise and family, we have many fond memories of the time John was a student in my counseling classes at Emporia State, and when he and Jeanne shared rides from Topeka to classes at ESU. John was a compassionate, kind person who was an excellent therapist. His professional and personal attributes have touched many and have had a profound, positive impact on their lives. He leaves a wonderful legacy!  
Dr. Philip Wurtz and Jeanne Urban-Wurtz

**philip j wurtz** - February 14, 2019 at 10:54 AM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts, prayers and condolences are with the entire Cavanaugh family. Marta (Hobrock) Howard

**Marta Howard** - February 14, 2019 at 10:29 AM

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“ It was always a great day when I got to jump in the truck with Dr Cavanaugh, John and Patrick to head out to the farm!! Lots of great memories of time shared with him and your family. My condolences to you all. Mike Flynn

**Mike Flynn** - February 14, 2019 at 08:31 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of John’s passing. I met John when I joined his practice after he retired. Dr Newman and Dr price had some great stories about John. His patients still ask about him and have kind words to say. Peace be with you.  
Dr Mark Hall

**Mark K Hall DDS** - February 14, 2019 at 06:56 AM