



Virgil Rigsby

December 20, 1929 - December 21, 2018

Virgil L. Rigsby, 89, Tecumseh, passed away December 21, 2018.

Mr. Rigsby was born December 20, 1929, the son of Frank and Vernie Branstetter Rigsby. He served our country in the U.S. Army. Mr. Rigsby retired from Herrman's Excavating after many years of service and then began serving as a non-denominational minister until his death.

Survivors include his four daughters; two step-sons; and his brother, Eugene Rigsby.

Mr. Rigsby will lie in state Friday, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Burial will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Mount Hope Cemetery, Neosho Rapids, Kansas.

Memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home to help with expenses.

Cemetery

Mount Hope Cemetery in Neosho Rapids KS

Neosho Rapids, KS,

Events

JAN **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, KS, US,
66614

JAN **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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Mount Hope Cemetery in Neosho
Rapids KS
Neosho Rapids, KS, US

Comments



“ Virgil was one of the greatest men that I've ever had the chance to meet. I had known him for 30 years and he was always there when someone would call upon him. He married my wife and I back in 2001. Virgil and I had a lot in common. The Lord our God and our ministries which we shared with each other every time we would meet. Rest in peace my friend till we meet in heaven...Pastor Danny J Belisle Sr.

Danny j belisle Sr. - December 03, 2019 at 10:19 PM



“ I was given the opportunity to meet Virgil about 15 yrs ago maybe longer. He served as our minister at Kansas Rehab hospital in Topeka. His dedication and thoughtful ways were an every day experience. His faith enriched our lives and helped many in need!! I'm/we're so thankful for Virgil and everything he shared with us. I just learned of Virgil's passing and I've been trying to contact him. Recently I had a return call from someone who said I had the wrong #. I didn't have other #'s to find out. I heard from one of our nurses that they had heard of his passing. I'm so sorry and sad to learn this. May God bless each of you during this difficult and trying time. Remember to pull his memory close to your heart. May peace, joy and love make its way into your lives. May God bless and care for us all who shared life with Virgil! Take care and let me know if I can help or if there's a place to donate. Thanks Andy C. Hines Activity coordinator @ Kansas Rehab hospital. My work # is 785-235-6600.

Andy C. Hines - January 04, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ What a different world it would have been at Eventide Convalescent Center had it not been for Virgil Rigsby..... His unending devotion and generosity to the veterans and residents of Eventide had such an impact on their quality of life....

I (Robin) was the social worker there for approximately 14 years and Rosemarie was the Activity Director for approximately 11 years, however, it is my understanding that Pastor Rigsby had been ministering to the residents and staff there for years prior to us joining the Eventide community.

Pastor Rigsby faithfully held church services there every Wednesday, and brought communion once a month -- again, for years. After services, he would go room to room to check on, speak with, offer communion, and pray with anyone who was unable to come to the services.

Pastor Rigsby purchased and maintained, out of his own pocket, old church buses so that we could take residents on outings. Several times a year he would take as many residents as could go, out for pizza -- again, out of his own pocket. Not only did he provide the means for us to be able to take residents on outings, but he would take time out of his busy schedule to drive us in those buses anywhere! He never told us

no. And again, this would be multiple times a year. During National Nursing Home Week, it was almost daily that he was there to take us some place to celebrate.

Pastor Rigsby officiated and participated in countless programs, funerals, weddings, and the list goes on and on.... He would pray with and for anyone that asked and needed it -- staff and residents alike, and always asked and tried to stay on top of anyone that might be struggling or "not doing well" -- again, staff and residents alike. He would also donate to any collections we might be taking up or contribute to any funds we might be raising.

Pastor Rigsby absolutely dramatically altered what it was that Rosemarie and I were able to do for the residents, and I cannot tell you how many times Rosemarie and I would look at one another and say, "What would we do without Virgil?"

I'm not so sure how it is that Virgil Rigsby picked or chose to "adopt" Eventide Convalescent Center, but I am so very, very, very grateful that he did. His endless devotion, compassion, generosity, prayers, and sacrifice of time was absolutely unmeasured, and he greatly impacted many, many people's lives.

Robin Gilbert - January 04, 2019 at 08:31 AM