



Aaron Charest

August 8, 1972 - January 21, 2022

Aaron Michael Charest, 49, passed away Friday, January 21, 2022.

Aaron was born in Topeka, KS on August 8, 1972, the son of Thomas and Connie (Weidenbaker) Charest. He was a Class of 1991 Hayden Catholic High School graduate, where he was more commonly known by his nickname “Beef” and then attended Washburn University, where he was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Gamma Nu Chapter.

While at Washburn, Aaron met Ashley Marie Howard at a fraternity party (where else!). They were married at Faith Lutheran Church on June 12, 1999.

At the time of his death, Aaron was employed by the City of Topeka in the Information Technology department. Prior to that, he worked at Payless ShoeSource HQ and Shawnee Wholesale Motors.

Besides his family and friends, Aaron had two other passions in life: football and flying large and small scale model airplanes. Over the past several years he did not miss a Hayden football game, but primarily due to his daughter cheering at the games. He was a member of the NE Kansas Blue Sky Squadron (NEKSBSS) a local airplane flying club where he served as the safety inspector and contest director.

Aaron is survived in death by his wife, Ashley; his daughters Ainsley and Alexandria; his father, Tom; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and nephews.

Aaron was preceded in death by his mother, Connie; his grandparents Alpha and Laura Charest and Charles Ray "CR" and Eduarda "Eddy" Weidenbaker; and his dogs Polo, Grady and Annabelle.

The rosary will be prayed at 3:30 p.m. and the Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 4 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2022, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church in Topeka, KS.

The following day, Saturday, January 29, 2022, a Celebration of Life will take place at Noon on the Hayden Catholic High School football field. Celebration of Life festivities will include flying of Aaron's model airplanes by fellow NEKSBSS members, and displaying of these airplanes under the same football stadium lights where he played. During the service, family and friends will be invited to share their favorite personal memories and stories of Aaron.

Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Hayden Catholic High School football program and NE Kansas Blue Sky Squadron, sent to Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 28. 3:30 PM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church
3601 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 28. 4:00 PM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church
3601 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

A Celebration of Life

JAN 29. 12:00 PM (CT)

Hayden Catholic High School Football Field
401 SW Gage Blvd
Topeka, KS 66606

Committal Service

JAN 29. 1:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Park Cemetery
3616 SW 6th Street
Topeka, KS 66606

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Aaron Charest



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 27, 2022 at 04:07 PM



“ Aaron Charest

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Ashley, I was very saddened to hear of your husband's passing. Please know that I am keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Dr. Beryl New

Beryl New - January 31, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ To the family of Aaron Charest I am so sorry to hear of his passing, I knew Aaron from working at City Hall. He was such a nice, kind, smart guy. Condolences and prayers for peace and comfort.
Yolanda Lunkins

Yolanda Lunkins - January 28, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Aaron Charest.*



January 28, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Aaron Charest.*



January 27, 2022 at 10:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Aaron Charest.*



January 27, 2022 at 08:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Aaron Charest.*



January 27, 2022 at 06:31 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Aaron Charest.*



January 27, 2022 at 04:59 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Aaron Charest.*



January 27, 2022 at 04:41 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our sincere condolences and loving prayers are with you and the girls. May he rest in peace.*

Bonnie Donald - January 27, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Aaron Charest.*



January 27, 2022 at 12:01 PM

GS

“ Tom, Ashley & Girls. We are so saddened to hear of Aaron's passing. May you find Peace and comfort in all the memories you have shared. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Geary & Diane Slover & Family

Geary & Diane Slover - January 27, 2022 at 02:29 AM

GC

“ George and Patti Escobedo - Cheyenne. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Aaron Charest.



George and Patti Escobedo - Cheyenne. - January 26, 2022 at 09:51 PM

YD

“ Your Friends at First Baptist Daycare purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Aaron Charest.



Your Friends at First Baptist Daycare - January 26, 2022 at 09:09 PM

SC

“ Ashley and girls, we are so sorry for your loss! So young! We had so much fun at all the Girl Scout activities we did! So many cookie booths!! Prayers to all of you!

Sharlene,Judd, and Holly Christensen - January 26, 2022 at 06:51 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Aaron Charest.*



January 26, 2022 at 04:05 PM



“ *Wishing the Charest family comfort and peace with the loss of Aaron. I worked with Aaron at the City of Topeka and truly enjoyed our chats - very entertaining and knowledgeable.*

Amber Shultz - January 26, 2022 at 03:54 PM



“ *Tom, so sorry to hear of the passing of your son, Aaron. (*

Love & Prayers,

*Diana (Smith) Sutphen
Class of Hayden, 1967*

Diana R Sutphen - January 26, 2022 at 03:42 PM



“ *My condolences to the Charest family. I worked with Aaron at the city of Topeka. He was always a so helpful and brought a smile to my face. Aaron will be truly missed.*

Shauna Williams - January 26, 2022 at 11:35 AM

AC

“ Tom/Ashley, I was so very sorry to hear of your loss! Try to remember all the good times as you know he would want you to.

April Cibulski - January 26, 2022 at 10:59 AM

BS

“ I am so sorry for the loss that Aaron's wife and family are facing. I worked with Aaron for over a decade at the City IT department. We spent a lot of time together working on data projects and sharing stories about those we worked with. He had a way of speaking that always brought a smile to my face. Aaron was always good company and he will be missed.

Bill Stephens

Bill H. Stephens - January 25, 2022 at 10:06 PM

MC

“ Tom & the Charleston Family,

Tom, I'm saddened to read about the passing of your son. You have endured so much in the Past years losing your loved ones.

May God Bless your son's Soul in Eternal Peace. I pray that all of your memories comfort & heal's your hearts.

(Haden Class of 67)



Margie (Walters) Cooper - January 25, 2022 at 09:46 PM

MC

There is no edit option to go back to correct what Auto correct changed in error. Sorry !!

Margie (Walters) Cooper - January 25, 2022 at 09:49 PM

JM

“ *Tom and Family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers. May the memories you hold in
your hearts give you comfort.
Our sympathy,
Danny and Jane Meyer*

jane meyer - January 25, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Aaron Charest.*



January 25, 2022 at 09:33 PM

PL

“ *Tom and family,
Sorry to hear of your loss. Tim informed me today of Aaron's
passing. I cannot imagine the grief you are dealing with now. Enjoy
the memories you have--our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Pat and Sue Long
Corvallis Oregon*

Patrick J Long - January 25, 2022 at 08:51 PM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for
the family of Aaron Charest.*



January 25, 2022 at 07:30 PM

SS

“ Ashley and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Aaron and I worked at the City of Topeka together. He was always so helpful when I had computer issues. Sending prayers and love at this difficult time.
Sarah Schoeberl

Sarah Schoeberl - January 25, 2022 at 06:04 PM

CH

“ My condolences to the Charest family. I was a classmate and co-worker of Aaron. For me, “Beefer” was always a larger than life person. I was a Junior his Senior year at Hayden where he was an anchor on the offensive line for Coach Stringer’s “HOGS”. That 1991 team was one to remember and could only be taken out of the playoffs by tsunami conditions in Marysville, KS. He always made us laugh and had such a great attitude about almost everything. It was great to reconnect later in life as adults in a professional setting. He still had that great attitude and found the positive in every frustrating situation. I’m going to miss talking Hayden football with him and just being around such a great guy. Rest In Peace “Beefer”.

Chad Holthaus - January 25, 2022 at 05:56 PM

PW

“ Ashley, Ainsley, Alexandria and Tom we're so sorry for loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Aaron and I became good friends while working at the City of Topeka. Phil & Cindy Wolfe

Phil & Cindy Wolfe - January 25, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Aaron Charest.*



January 25, 2022 at 01:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Aaron Charest.*



January 25, 2022 at 12:25 PM



“ *Ashley you and your family have my sincerest sympathy on Aaron's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Hold onto the wonderful memories through the years.*

Vicki - 3 seconds ago

Vicki - January 25, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ *Ashley, girls, Tom, & extended family,
So very sorry for your loss. May you all find comfort in the many memories you've shared. Thoughts and prayers to all.
Trudy and Terry Francis*

Trudy Francis - January 25, 2022 at 11:13 AM

RA

“ I really enjoyed working with Aaron and will miss him greatly. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends.



Rebecca A. - January 25, 2022 at 11:06 AM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Aaron Charest.



January 25, 2022 at 10:47 AM

NA

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



neal b allmon - January 25, 2022 at 10:19 AM

BK

“ Ashley, I am so sorry to hear about Aaron. Sending you and your family super tight hugs and comforting thoughts.

Becky Kester - January 25, 2022 at 10:19 AM

TF

“ My condolences to Aaron's family and friends. I used to work with Aaron at the City of Topeka and I remember his voice! You can not mistake that voice! You always knew when he was in the room! He was so very humble and always talked about his wife and girls. He loved his family. Prayers to you all.

Tammy Fisher - January 25, 2022 at 10:09 AM

VI

Ashley you and your family have my sincerest sympathy on Aaron's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Hold onto the wonderful memories through the years.

Vicki - January 25, 2022 at 11:37 AM

JM

“ Ashley - I am so sorry to learn about the passing of Aaron. He sounds like a wonderful man, husband and father. My condolences to you, your daughters and the entire family. Prayers are being said. Sincerely, Jan Murfield

Jan Murfield - January 25, 2022 at 10:02 AM

R(

“ Tom and Family. I am so sorry hearing about the passing of Aaron. May you find joy in all the memories during this difficult time. Prayers.

Rebecca Schiefelbein (Becky) - January 25, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Aaron Charest.



January 25, 2022 at 07:31 AM