



Amber Olson

June 15, 1979 - November 11, 2025

Amber Christine Schick Olson, 46, Overbrook, Kansas, passed away unexpectedly at Stormont Vail Health Center on Tuesday, November 11, due to a cardiac event.

Amber was born on June 15, 1979, in Salina, Kansas, the daughter of Lavon and Chris Schick. She grew up in small towns, mainly Lebo, Towanda and Zurich Kansas. She attended Towanda Grade School, Circle High School and later Plainville High School.

Amber married Ruark "Rory" Olson on September 3, 1999, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Three daughters were born to their loving union, Taylor, Zoe and Madison. Rory began his military career in the US Army on September 12, 2002. During their time as a military family they made their home at Ft. Bliss, Texas, Ansbach Germany and Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Amber has shared many fond memories, especially of their time in Germany. She developed a few very special lifelong friendships during their time in the military that she cherished deeply.

The Olson family settled in Overbrook after Rory's retirement from the Army in January of 2015. Since then she has primarily worked for Casey's in Carbondale and most recently in her hometown of Overbrook. She loved her work family and getting to know folks in the community.

Amber has always had a way of making things festive and fun, creating core memories especially around birthdays and holidays. Her holiday decorations have been legendary in our family, especially at Christmas. She had a collection of snowmen that she took pride in displaying during the season. Amber has always loved giving gifts, from taking care packages to sick friends to surprising someone with that special little something to spark joy. She worked to find just the right thing to lift someone's spirits and remind them they are loved.

Amber loved to cook. She could always find a way to bring tasty and memorable meals to the table. She was known for planning out weekly menus and was methodical in her planning. She loved to try out new recipes and always worked to perfect a few of the old. She worked for years on her chicken fried steak and gravy recipe, which is absolutely delicious. She always took a lot of pride in being able to create meals that people loved.

Amber was a passionate advocate for Autism and mental health awareness and the care of individuals. She was continuously educating herself and passing on that knowledge to others to work toward a better world for neurodivergent people and those living with mental health issues. Amber was also passionate about equality and women's health issues, educating herself on these matters and trying to spread good information to others to improve our society.

You can't really talk about Amber's life without mentioning her easy smile and heartfelt laugh. She has always loved to laugh and to clown around and be silly. We all have so many fond memories of Amber. Let's be sure to keep sharing them with one another; it's how we keep her bright light shining.

Amber is survived by her devoted husband Rory, her three beautiful

daughters, Taylor, Zoe and Madi; and her mother-in-law, Elaine Olson, all of the home. Amber is also survived by her parents, Chris Hougland (Claude Desair) of Damar, KS and Lavon and Sherry Schick of Carbondale, KS; Grandma Delores Becker of Logan, KS; sister, Bradi Schick of St. George, KS; sisters and brothers from our blended families, Allen (Larissa) Stowe of Carbondale, KS, Patrick (Ashla) Stowe of Topeka, KS, Tracy (John) Cramer of Branson, Jay (Debbie) Hopkins of Fountain Hills, AZ, Christine (John) Haas of Pheonix, AZ, Tara (Travis) Sheilds of Pittsburg, KS, Amanda (Jade) Bunyard of Fredonia, KS, Derrick (Dey-Leigh) Umbarger of Thayer, KS; multiple Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces and Nephews; and she also had several fur-babies that she opened her heart to, Missy, Bear, Luna, Theo, Max, Belle, Ollie, Alfie, Millie and Pearl (the neighbor's cat who decided she likes living at the Olson home sometimes.)

Amber was preceded in death by her Bonus Dad, Michael Hougland, Grandparents, Dorothy Simoneau and Swede Helberg, Louise and Fred Schick, Lloyd Becker, Doris Juneau, and Mildred and C.C. Hougland.

Amber will be so sorely missed by all who knew her.

Memorial service for Amber will be at 10 a.m. Friday, November 21, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home to help with expenses.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Amber Olson



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - November 19, 2025 at 03:26 PM

EB

“ I'm so sad to hear of Amber's passing. She was one of my very best friends as a kid. I have so many good memories playing at her house on 9th Street... from playing in the back of the gray station wagon to being super impressed with her play house in the back yard. Amber was always full of spirit and so much fun. It is apparent from reading her obituary she was deeply loved and lived a happy life. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all today as you celebrate her life.

Love,
Erica Jacobs

Erica Bender - November 21, 2025 at 10:24 AM

LI

“ Rory and family so sorry for your loss and I pray for your heart healing. I met Amber once at a KU game and I felt she was a very kind and wonderful person. My heart felt condolences to you and yours and may God bless you in this heavy time and forever more keep you in his grace and mercies.

Linn Rials

Linn - November 19, 2025 at 10:32 AM

JA

“ I really miss her smile and the twinkle in her eyes. I remember her as a good neighbor and I considered her a friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family. God blessed each of us for having known her.

Joanne Allen - November 18, 2025 at 10:01 PM

TJ

“ I will forever remember Amber as the most wild and crazy cousin in our entire family. That girl had a non-stop motor that kept her bouncing off the walls at all times. Her infectious joy and always cheery attitude brought smiles to everyone's faces! I am so sad to get this news - may the Lord watch over your family left behind

Travis Jasnoski - November 18, 2025 at 09:54 PM