



## Artis L. Spivey Sr.

February 28, 1926 - January 23, 2021

Artis L. Spivey, Sr., 94, Topeka, Kansas, passed away on Saturday, January 23, 2021.

Artis was born to Ollie and Willie Lawson Spivey, February 28, 1926, in Vienna, Louisiana and attended the public-school system in Alexandria, Louisiana. He entered the United States Army in December 1945, where he served and was awarded the WWII Victory Medal. After the military, Artis moved to Winnfield, Louisiana, where he worked at a saw-mill company for quite some time and eventually relocated to Topeka, Kansas, where he worked as a brick mason for Jayhawk Masonry for many years. It has been said that Artis was one of the best brick layers Topeka has ever known. Artis was just an all-around hard worker and a man of many talents. He was always helping senior citizens with fixing up their home and was also known to work on cars. Artis was good at finding ways to keep himself busy doing something and he liked it that way. He was a sharp dresser and took pride in his appearance. In fact, with the assistance of his beautician, Rachel Justice, he maintained and kept his Curl up until June of 2020 when he decided to let it go to Awldoh Gant, who became his favorite barber. He loved his Pall Mall Orange cigarettes and cruising around in his car. Even at 94 years, Artis still wanted to drive. He was a quiet man and a peacemaker and always believed in doing the right thing. He would attend St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church from time to time with his daughter, Brenda. He had his own, unconventional,

ways of passing life's knowledge and wisdom on to his kids and grandkids; the lessons will never be forgotten and continue to stick in their heads to this very day. Artis loved his family and friends and would go out of his way to help them. He was just an all-around great man, husband, father, and grandfather who loved his family, dearly. Artis Spivey, Sr. is cherished and loved by many and will be greatly missed.

He is preceded in death by both of his parents and a son, Artis Spivey, Jr.

He is survived by his wife and lifelong friend, Bessie Butts-Spivey; daughters, Brenda Spivey Beaver, Linda Spivey, Wanda Mack and Ramona Mosby; stepdaughters, Victoria Garvin, Mary Butts and Teresa Crandell; sons, Eddie Prudomme and Ricardo Spivey; stepsons, Micheal Brown, Eric Brown and Rev. Wallace Butts; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Artis was honored to meet and know that one of his great-grandsons would bare and carry-on his name, Artis Spivey.

Graveside service will be 1 p.m. Friday, January 29, 2021, at Memorial Park Cemetery, 6th and Gage in Topeka. Due to the pandemic, masks and social distance are required.

Memorial contributions may be made to Midland Care Hospice and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 29. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Artis L. Spivey Sr.



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 28, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ Artis L. Spivey Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Artis L. Spivey Sr..



January 28, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Artis L. Spivey Sr..



January 28, 2021 at 01:16 PM

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“ I do not know the Spivey's but in reading Artis' life story, it is clear that he was a remarkable man. Congratulations to him and his family on his wonderful service to the country in World War II and his recognition for it. So many memories for the family which is an enduring legacy.

*Harlan Hobbs  
Tucson, Arizona*

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**Harlan Hobbs Jr** - January 27, 2021 at 10:52 AM

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“ Sam, Brenda and family,  
So sorry to heard of your loss. We will be keeping you all in our prayers.

*Becky Smith*

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**becky smith** - January 27, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Artis L. Spivey Sr..



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January 26, 2021 at 10:41 PM