



## Benny Meyer

May 3, 1936 - December 10, 2024

Benny Edwin Meyer, 88, Topeka, Kansas, passed away on December 10, 2024.

Benny was born May 3, 1936, in Sabetha, Kansas, to Edwin and Lena Martinson Meyer. He grew up in Hiawatha, Kansas, with his two sisters, Marjorie and Ruth, and graduated from Hiawatha High School in 1954. After graduation, Benny served in the Army National Guard from 1954 to 1963.

He continued his post-secondary education at Kansas State Teachers College (Emporia State University), where he played basketball and lettered in track and field. While there, Benny met and married Wanda Goodwin in 1957, enjoying 67 years together. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and a minor in Industrial Arts he began a successful teaching and coaching career in several Kansas schools.

In 1972, Benny changed careers and spent 28 years serving Topeka as a State Farm Insurance agent. With State Farm, he found success and enjoyed many awards and promotional trips before retiring in 2000.

Benny was an avid sportsman and enjoyed coaching and attending his children and grandchildren's sports teams. He was a regular competitor in the Sunflower State Games (badminton) and the Senior Olympics (track and field). Benny was one of the founders of the Topeka Badminton Club.

Survivors include Benny's wife, Wanda; children, Trudi Slusser (Troy), Jill Meyer, Chris Meyer; three grandchildren, Haley Slusser (Cody Wood), Cole Slusser (Trista Reed), Reid Meyer (Lauren); one great-granddaughter, Karley Slusser; and Benny's sisters, Marjorie Idol and Ruth Wolf. Benny was preceded in death by his parents, and his stepmother, Hazel Meyer.

Visitation will be Friday, January 31st from 4 to 6 pm at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, Kansas 66614. Benny's funeral service will follow at 6 pm. A private family burial will take place at a later date.

Contributions in Benny's memory may be made to the Sunflower State Games/Kansas Senior Games (please put Benny's name on the memo line) or to First Baptist Church (on memo line please put Topeka Badminton Club) and send in care of the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **31**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

## Funeral Service

JAN **31**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JK

“ Our deepest sympathy to Wanda and all the family. Benny was such a gentleman and always pleasant to be around. We have many fond memories of our State Farm days with him and Wanda. So sorry we were not able to attend his service, but we were with you all in spirit.  
*Janice and Stan Kivett*

Janice & Stan Kivett - January 31, 2025 at 06:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Benny Meyer.



January 31, 2025 at 01:48 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Benny Meyer.



January 31, 2025 at 12:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Benny Meyer.

January 31, 2025 at 12:09 PM

RT

“ The Topeka Badminton Club is forever grateful to Benny Meyer for establishing us at the First Baptist Church-----a gift that goes on giving 20 years on. The club is now renamed "Benny Meyer Memorial Topeka Badminton Club" in his honor.

*Rajeev Trehan*

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**Rajeev Trehan** - January 31, 2025 at 12:03 AM

BC

“ Benny Meyer Topeka Badminton Club purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Benny Meyer.



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**Benny Meyer Topeka Badminton Club** - January 30, 2025 at 11:20 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Benny Meyer.



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January 29, 2025 at 08:19 PM

SW

“ Sue Woods purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Benny Meyer.



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**Sue Woods** - January 29, 2025 at 04:00 PM

RA

“ *Benny was such a good friend to all of our family. We appreciated having him in our lives for so many years.*

Roger Aeschliman - January 29, 2025 at 08:01 AM

RT

“ *Benny was such a happy guy. I always enjoyed talking with him. Sending condolences to the family. Rochelle Tramp and Todd Bradford*

Rochelle Tramp - January 24, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Benny Meyer.*



January 14, 2025 at 03:28 PM

SH

“ *Trudi, Jill, Chris, and Family,  
I was so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was a good man who always seemed to have a smile on his face and positive outlook on life. Thinking of you all and hoping your years of cherished memories bring you comfort.*

*Susan Spangler Holmes*

Susan Holmes - January 12, 2025 at 11:35 AM

BG

*Trudi & family ... sending thoughts & prayers of comfort to you!! We enjoyed having Benny as our St Farm Ins agent for years. He was always happy & smiling & talked about how he enjoyed life!! He always liked to just sit & visit when we came in the office. He will be missed. Great memories of him will be forever in your heart!!*

*Becky Gruber*

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**Becky Gruber** - January 27, 2025 at 09:37 AM

DT

“*Dear Aunt Wanda, cousins Trudi, Jill and Chris, and grands Haley, Cole and Reid,*

*Remembering Uncle Benny is always just a joy. He had a quick smile, and a good chuckle, a strong handshake and a generous heart. I still vividly remember when Bob Goodwin and I served as ring bearer and flower girl at Wanda and Benny's wedding, and watching them scoot away in that fancy sports car. I just thought they were the cat's meow! As a young girl I had such a crush on Benny...he was a "hunk!" I still remember when he took my best friend Terry and I to see a Godzilla movie or the Flying Purple People Eater in Kansas City...our parents wouldn't take us but he did! We thought he was so cool. Benny's gentle spirit and warmth will be missed, but his memory lives on in his precious family which mattered so much to him. Rest in Peace, gentle man.*

*Donita Todd*

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**donita todd** - January 10, 2025 at 07:41 PM

PN

“ Dear Wanda and family,

*My deepest sympathies to you all with the passing of dear Benny. He always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eyes.*

*My parents, Chuck/Charley and Beth Myers knew you & Benny from KTC/ESU days and they were longtime customers of Benny's as well. I'm sure they were part of his welcome wagon in Heaven.*

*Praying God's peace and comfort to you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Paige (Myers) Noss and family*

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**Paige Noss** - January 10, 2025 at 03:08 PM