



Bob Kennedy

August 20, 1950 - April 28, 2015

Robert Leo Kennedy, Jr. "Bobby", 64, Topeka, passed away Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

Bobby was born August 20, 1950, in Topeka, the son of Robert and Virginia Ransom Kennedy. He attended Assumption Grade School and graduated in 1968 from Hayden High. He is a graduate of Washburn University and earned his master's degree from Kansas State University. Bobby worked over 43 years for the State of Kansas as a social worker, a research analyst and information technology supervisor. He was an adjunct professor of information technology at Washburn University for over 20 years.

On December 26, 1987, Bobby and Gail Leslie Bush were united in marriage at Holy Name Church, enjoying over 24 years together..

Bobby was a sports enthusiast. He coached many youth sports, was an avid runner participating in nine marathons, was a founding member of the Wild Bunch Track Club and editor for the Sunflower Striders, enjoyed biking, was a hockey fan, supporting the Topeka Roadrunners, and a member of SCCA, the Sports Car Club of America. Bobby was a founding member and an exceptionally dedicated volunteer of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church.

Bobby leaves to cherish his memory his wife and best friend, Gail Kennedy; son, Shane Kennedy; mother, Ginny Kennedy; siblings, Mark Kennedy (Amy), Mary Kennedy, Kevin Kennedy (Martha), Carl Kennedy, Patty Gatzemeyer (Scott), and Chris Kennedy (Anita); his aunt, Vivian Hulsapple; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation will be from 5–7 p.m. Monday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where a parish rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Church. Inurnment will take place at a later date.

Bobby's family thanks the caring staff of St. Francis Health Center and a special thanks to Dr. Caracioni and Amy at the St. Francis Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Mother Teresa of Calcutta Church, Mary's Choice or Leukemia Research Foundation, sent in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

MAY 4. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Mass of Resurrection

MAY 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church
2014 NW 46th Street
Topeka, KS 66618

Tribute Wall



“ *Bob Kennedy*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Family of Prof. Kennedy,
I was so sorry to hear the news of what happened. I truly couldn't believe it when I heard it actually. I was only in Prof. Kennedy's class for a few weeks but he was very nice and considerate when it came to teaching. I was in his CM 101 class, he didn't make the class difficult at all. He will surely be missed. So sorry again for your loss. Please take care.*

Tia Conner - May 13, 2015 at 03:05 PM



“ *Gail and Shane, we are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing, I worked with Bob for many years at KDOT. At Mother Teresa my family got to know Bob, especially my youngest son, Randy, who made it a point at sometime during mass to go out and talk to Bob for a few minutes. He thought a lot of Bob and he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Diane Flanders*

Diane Flanders - May 04, 2015 at 05:37 PM

MS

“ *Very sorry to hear about Bob, I worked with him for many years at KDOT and SRS/DCF, he was exceptional man, we had many good times playing volleyball. Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Marla Smith

Marla Smith - May 04, 2015 at 09:50 AM

SW

“ *Dear Kennedy family:*

I enjoyed working with Bob at SRS and at KDOT. Bob always made sure to tell me hi, ask how I was doing, or just shared a smile with me. I always enjoyed his colorful tennis shoes and I made it a point to give him grief about them. I will always remember Bob as a caring, compassionate, friendly, and wonderful man. May God bless you in your time of grief and may He comfort you in your days ahead.

Shari Westfall

Shari Westfall - May 04, 2015 at 09:38 AM

AH

“ *Gail - I'm so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I'm praying for you in this difficult time. I hope that your wonderful memories of times past comfort you.*

Angela Hoobler

Angela Hoobler - May 04, 2015 at 01:30 AM

JR

“ *Very sorry to hear about Bob, remember a lot of good times on breaks discussing how to solve all the world's problems. Also, good times with our volleyball team. Your family has been in our prayers, someday there will be a wonderful reunion in heaven. May the grace and peace of God be with your family. Jerry and Dorothy*

Jerry Rappard - May 03, 2015 at 02:56 PM

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“ *Gail, Shane, and family,*

We are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom & Marsha Madl

Tom & Marsha Madl - May 01, 2015 at 07:03 AM

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“ *Gail and Family,*

So sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I always enjoyed working with you and Bob at the state. My prayers are with you and your family.

*Terry G. Ukena
State*

Terry G. Ukena - April 30, 2015 at 09:15 AM