



Brett Cowdin

July 17, 1959 - November 13, 2013

Thomas Brett Cowdin, 54, Topeka, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, November 13, 2013. Brett was born July 17, 1959, the son of Larry and Barbara James Cowdin. He was a graduate of Topeka West High School and Washburn University. Brett earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in special education. Brett was a life-long educator and coach who positively touched the lives of countless numbers of people. His survivors include his wife, Marcie Cowdin; children, Tychicus Cowdin, Tobias Cowdin, Natalie Whitt, Maisie Cowdin and Jaxon Cowdin; his mother, Barbara Cowdin; and brothers, Joe Cowdin, Bruce Cowdin and Aaron Cowdin. Brett was preceded in death by his father, Larry Cowdin. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Highland Park United Methodist Church, 2914 SE 29th Street, Topeka KS 66605. Cremation will follow . Memorial contributions are suggested to the Brett Cowdin Memorial Fund at Capitol Federal Savings.

Tribute Wall



“ *Brett Cowdin*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Mrs. Cowdin, my friend Bruce, Joe the part of the family I know, Aaron, Marcie Cowdin, Natalie Whitt, Maisie Cowdin and Jaxon Cowdin and Tychicus Cowdin and Tobias Cowdin. I was truly stunned to hear of Brett's passing and apologize for not being able to stop by and offer a hug and a word of encouragement. I know there is not much one can say at a time like this, other than we share your loss of a son, husband, dad, brother, and our friend. Just know the God of all comfort can sustain you through this difficult time. Our awesome God gave us the perfect recording device in our brains, that have recorded a lifetime of memories that you/we can replay over and over again. Our prayers are with you, and know he is in the best hands possible. He is in Jehovah's memory, sleeping until the resurrection call to wake up is heard.*

Bill Wangerin - November 18, 2013 at 01:09 PM



“ *I had both the privilege of playing for (Topeka High) and coaching with (Topeka West) Bret Cowdin. He genuinely cared about kids and will be missed by the education and sports community. Thank you Bret for your service to kids and the many wonderful memories.*

Scott Holloman - November 18, 2013 at 12:45 PM

RJ

“ Joe, I'm very sorry to here about Brett. You and your family are in my prayers. May God comfort you all. It's nice to read how much he of a positive influence he had on so many people.

Roger Johnson - November 18, 2013 at 09:11 AM

DH

“ The Rossville Bulldawgs will be playing with a heavy heart tonight as we travel to Cherryvale for our sectional football game. We all wanted your family to know that you are in the thoughts of the players as we take the field tonight. Brett made an impact on so many of our boys that we felt it was important to send our condolences.

Derick Hammes - November 18, 2013 at 08:51 AM

LB

“ Coach Cowdin was not only a fantastic coach, but a fantastic person. He cared more about his players than he did himself and that's what made him truly special. Coach Cowdin made a lasting impression on me and I will forever remember him for that. He taught me to not take everything so seriously and to sit back and enjoy the small things in life. He will always be remembered.

Luke Bordewick - November 17, 2013 at 07:06 PM

JL

“ We're so sorry to hear about Coach Cowden. He was such a genuinely nice and caring person and it was always a treat to see him. None of us can think of time that we saw Coach Cowden when he wasn't smiling or laughing and making everyone else around him do the same. He brought so much light to world everywhere he went, he will truly be missed.

Joe Leiker, Jessica (Leiker) Schmitt, Janet Leiker - November 17, 2013 at 06:45 PM

JR

“ I was so very sorry to read of Brett's passing. I knew him at French Middle School in the late 1970s where I taught and Brett was my paraprofessional. The students all adored him, he was so good with them and he was such a good teacher. I was very grateful to have his help in the classroom and I know he went on to be a great teacher and coach. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Jane Rhys - November 17, 2013 at 04:53 PM

WF

“ To all the Cowdin Family,

We are so sorry for the loss of your father/son/husband. Words can do little to console, but know that many people are praying for all of you and that Brett will have a lasting effect on all the kids he touched thru teaching or coaching.

Williamson Familhy - November 17, 2013 at 04:07 PM

RM

“ We wanted to send our condolences to Brett's family. Having to part with the ones we love is such an unnatural feeling. We also know the pain of loss. Something very encouraging can be found at Revelation 21:3,4. There our creator makes us a beautiful promise for the future, a time when this kind of pain will never have to be felt again. We sincerely wish that you can find comfort and hope in those promises

Robert & Marie Mile - November 16, 2013 at 06:07 PM

RF

“ Dear Toby. I'm so saddened to learn of your fathers death. He was a great teacher (coach) and has set a path for you to follow. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. God bless you young man.

Randy Freeman - November 16, 2013 at 04:10 PM

DE

“ Marcie-

My husband Magnus and I have know Dwight and Marlene for years. Even though we have never met you and your family. I can't tell you how many wonderful stories Dwight would tell us and we would watch his eyes light up as he spoke of you, Brett and your amazing children. We just wanted you to know that many thoughts and prayers are coming from Arizona to Kansas from our family to yours.

Diane and Magnus Ekstrand - November 16, 2013 at 09:15 AM

DK

“ I can honestly say I never met another person who took more pleasure in the game of baseball than Brett Cowdin. The young people he coached absorbed his passion for the game as well. I didn't know him long, but I don't believe I ever heard an unkind word pass his lips about anyone. Peace and strength to the Cowdin family as they learn to navigate the world without Brett next to them.

Donna Kirk-Swaffar - November 15, 2013 at 11:28 PM

TH

“ Barbara and family, May God grant you peace and hope through these trying times. My condolences to you on the tragic loss of your son.

Tonda Huff - November 15, 2013 at 10:35 PM

LS

“ *Marcie and family,
We are so very sorry to hear about the passing of your husband and father. You are all in our prayers during this very sad time.
Tyson, Lindsey Schreiner and Family*

Lindsey Schreiner - November 15, 2013 at 09:22 PM

TF

“ *Marcie and Family, words cannot express our sorrow. Brett has been a great coach and teacher but most importantly a great person. May you be comforted in knowing that you are in the thoughts and prayers of so many people who loved Brett. Mike, Jackie, and Matt.*

The Claassen Family - November 15, 2013 at 07:32 PM

BF

“ *Barbara, I am saddened to read of the sudden death of your son. May our Lord hold you and all of the family tightly in His arms in the difficult days ahead. I will pray you all receive an inner strength from this young man's life. God bless all.*

Bonnie Ferns - November 15, 2013 at 04:30 PM

TB

“ *Our family is deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Coach Cowdin. He was a great coach & mentor to our son at Topeka West. He will forever be in our hearts. Please know that your entire family is in our prayers. May Our Lord comfort you during this difficult time.
Tony, Vivian, Jamell, Brandon & Alysia.*

Tony & Vivian Best - November 15, 2013 at 02:06 PM

MS

“ Sorry to hear about Brett. You are all in our prayers. May God hold you in His arms and comfort you. We will see him again. Mark and Laurie

Mark and Laurie Stevenson - November 15, 2013 at 12:58 PM

DA

“ My sincere sympathy to you in your time of loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Detria Anderson - November 15, 2013 at 11:26 AM

MG

“ We are so saddened of Coach Cowdin's passing. I had the distinct pleasure of teaching with him at Topeka West. He made my job so much easier just with his uncanny ways of connecting with all the students. They always wanted to do good for him. He put smiles on faces of everyone he worked with. He was a great role model for his own family as well as the student/athletes . His memory & inspiration will live on in all of us . Mike & Patti Goehring

Mike & Patti Goehring - November 15, 2013 at 10:52 AM

MW

“ To the entire Cowdin family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. I learned so much coaching with Bertie for 7 years. We had a great talk as we sat thru a rain delay at our game last month. I am so glad we had that opportunity. He always had a genuine interest in the kids and I always appreciated that he asked about my kids every time I saw him. We will miss him. Mike, Shelle, Braden, and Peyton.

Mike Werner - November 15, 2013 at 10:42 AM

BH

“ *Marcie and Family, Our heart goes out to you and your family. We are praying that God holds your family gently in his arms and gives you peace and strength for the days and months ahead. We will continue to lift you and your family up in prayer. Chad and Brandy Honeyman Paxton Hannah Romyn and Bronsyn*

Brandy Honeyman - November 15, 2013 at 08:28 AM

AS

“ *Maisie and family,*

I am really sorry for your loss. Thinking about you and your family.

Abigayle Schulte

Brent and Karen, Audrey and Andrew

Abigayle schulte - November 14, 2013 at 08:41 PM

KL

“ *Dear Family, There are not enough words to say how sorry I am with the passing of Brett. What a wonderful and caring person he has been. Even though I can't take away the pain of loss, please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless. Cousin Kathy*

Kathryn Lee - November 14, 2013 at 07:44 PM

RC

“ Dear Family, We love you all! I still think of Brett as my "little Cousin".I am so proud of the incredible man he became.His warmth and smile will never be forgotten! He was a fine Husband, Father, Son, Brother, Cousin and friend! I will miss our conversations about family and sports.When our son passed I remember What King David in the Bible said, "He can't comee to Me, but one day I will go to Him" Oh the reunion going on in Heaven today! All the Cowdins are lining up to Welcome Him home! Praise our Lord for such a wonderful young Man! Loe, Mike & Kerry

Rev. Mike Cowden - November 14, 2013 at 06:14 PM

SS

“ He was a great man and a great coach, he will be missed. He was a great role model for student athletes and the kids love him where he taught at. He is up there coaching the legends teams and teaching the great kids in heaven. If heaven was needed a hero they sure got there hero in the coach

Shawn Smith - November 14, 2013 at 05:10 PM