



Brian Hall

November 3, 1963 - December 8, 2025

Brian Edward Hall, 62, passed away Monday, December 8, 2025, in Topeka, Kansas. Brian was born November 3, 1963, in Topeka to the union of Donald and Phyllis Hall.

Brian grew up in Topeka and was the middle child, he had three brothers and one sister. He graduated from Topeka West High School in 1982. After graduating, he remained close with his high school class. Brian had a variety of different jobs; he most recently enjoyed working as a culinary professional in the kitchens at Washburn University. He loved the job and the people loved him in return.

Brian loved spending time with his family, especially his children, Rachael, Danielle, and Dylan, as well as his grandchildren. He also enjoyed fishing, camping, float trips, disc golf, gardening, the Chiefs, and hanging out with his various friend groups. He especially loved any and everything to do with his dogs.

Brian is survived by his children, Rachael (Aaron) Schmidlein, Danielle, and Dylan; grandchildren, Corinne, Isla, Aiden; father, Donald Hall; and siblings, David (Shelly), Gregg, Andrea, and Daron (Jenni); several nieces and nephews; and his three dogs, Chief, Kelce, and Shunga.

Brian is preceded in death by his mother, Phyllis Hall.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, December 19, 2025, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands Humane Society, in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (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 Brian Hall



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - December 16, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Hall.



December 19, 2025 at 06:39 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Brian Hall.



December 18, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ City of Pittsburg Administration planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Hall.

City of Pittsburg Administration - December 18, 2025 at 09:47 AM

LB

“ Love, Anthony and George Brown purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Brian Hall.



Love, Anthony and George Brown - December 17, 2025 at 02:52 PM

LN

“ Love, Cousin Nancy purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Brian Hall.



Love, Cousin Nancy - December 17, 2025 at 01:40 PM

LN

“ Love, Cousin Nancy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Hall.

Love, Cousin Nancy - December 17, 2025 at 01:40 PM

YM

“ Your friends at Mittera planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Hall.

Your friends at Mittera - December 17, 2025 at 01:32 PM

YM

“ Your friends at Mittera purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Brian Hall.



Your friends at Mittera - December 17, 2025 at 01:32 PM

KS

“ Kathy G, Cathy R, Sherrill M, Linda S. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Brian Hall.



Kathy G, Cathy R, Sherrill M, Linda S. - December 17, 2025 at 12:52 PM

KG

“ Sending love and prayers to Andrea and family. I know an unexpected loss is very difficult, and hope that you all find peace and comfort.

Kathy and Bill Gosa - December 17, 2025 at 12:42 PM

SH

“ So many memories of my cousin Brian. Saddened by the unexpected loss. Much love and prayers to all of my cousins, my Uncle Don and all family members.

Sheila Hall - December 16, 2025 at 06:44 PM

GM

“ Greg, Amber, Hendrix and Max. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Hall.

Greg, Amber, Hendrix and Max. - December 16, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Hall.



December 16, 2025 at 03:17 PM

TG

“ Gregg and family, Your in my thoughts and Prayers Tammy Grindol

Tammy Grindol - December 16, 2025 at 10:01 AM

AO

“ Gregg and family,
Our hearts go out to you and your family during this difficult time. While we didn't have the privilege of knowing Brian, we know how deeply he was loved and the impact he had on your life. Please know we are keeping you in our thoughts and sending strength, comfort, and peace as you honor his memory.
Many prayers,
Your Taylor Family
Amy, Mike, Dennis, Steph, Cassie and China

Amy Osten - December 16, 2025 at 09:51 AM

AF

“ *Brian Hall was a good man, a decent human being. I'm grateful to have known him since 7th grade through our senior year at West . After high school, I would run into him now and then and he was always the same sweet guy I met when we were thirteen years old. I pray his soul is at peace and my heartfelt condolences to all his family.*

An old friend - December 15, 2025 at 03:33 PM

GH

“ My younger brother Brian was his own man and lived his own life. At times, he seemingly sought out controversy and trouble, but I think that is what can occur when you are real, authentic, and certainly stubborn. He wasn't fake and wouldn't hide behind anything or anyone. You would never hear him say “I don't want to offend anyone / I don't want anyone's feelings to get hurt”. If asked a question – he would answer with honesty straight from his heart and sometimes he didn't even have to be asked a question. He was a protector. There are many examples of this in his life, and I was one of the protected on several occasions. From youngsters to his last day, he and I gave each other space and were respective of each other's privacy (meaning we didn't see each other as much as I now wish we had) but he never ignored a request to help our dad, me, or my kids. The humane society doesn't care for animals better than my brother cared for his dogs. Did I mention he was his own man and lived his own life - take it or leave it? He could accept that and expected others to as well. He had a large friend group that loved him dearly. Brian hit his stride over the past few years, and I literally thank God for the peace and happiness he found. I loved my brother, and he loved me and his entire family. I will miss him always. I know that he and mom have already made a “beeline” toward each other for a big hug and she is proud to see the good man standing before her.

Gregg

Gregg Hall - December 14, 2025 at 12:10 PM

“ My first memories of my brother Brian were tagging along on a hike, fishing or hunting. Because he was just a few years older than me he made sure I didn't fall behind, and he was always teaching me something. We fished and hunted anything in season. He loved shooting quail and pheasant.

When we were very young, elementary school age, we would sit on the banks of the Shunga Nunga and catch bull heads and snapping turtles. On Saturday mornings the neighborhood kids would head to West Lake at Gage Park and catch carp and catfish with a bunch of other kids around town. One year Brian won the grand prize, a Polaroid Instamatic camera, by catching the biggest fish of the tournament on my rod and reel during Derby Day, the last day of the season. He was so proud, but I knew he also felt a little guilty because it was my rod.

As we grew older and could travel further we would fish farm ponds and routinely sneak below Sherwood Lake dam, or up on the dam, and catch crappie during the spawn. Brian was better at fishing than most. I have a wonderful memory of him catching trout in Bennet Springs on a freezing day, standing in the water, in shorts, turning blue, alone because all the other fisherman were in their vehicles trying to stay warm. Brian was totally focused and catching fish when none of us could.

Brian and I took a few classes at Washburn together. Two that stand out were Speech and College Algebra. He rarely attended class because he worked late hours and often slept in but he was the best speaker in the class and breezed through Algebra as well. Our lives rarely connected back then, so I enjoyed it when he showed up to class.

Brian was smart. He also got bored easy and school couldn't hold his attention. There were no cell phones back then, no instant gratification - you had to make your own fun. We made a lot of it.

Brian always had my back. Since the time we were toddlers he was one of an army of siblings and neighborhood kids who looked out for me. I never forgot that feeling and try to pass it on to my friends and family today.

As time passed and I had a family of my own, Brian made time for us. He helped us when we needed it, finishing the basement of our home in Pittsburg, visiting us in Ulysses to hunt and spend a holiday, and we usually visited for an hour or two when I traveled to Topeka for work. He ended all of our phone calls by saying, "Give Jenni and the kids a hug and a kiss from me and tell them I love them!" He was a great uncle to Jacqueline and Charlie.

I was blessed with four siblings, each as unique as the planets in the heavens. We wouldn't be the family we are without Brian. I will remember him laughing, cooking, telling stories, boasting about his daughters and grandkids and his siblings — all the while, searching to understand what it all means and where he fit into it. He loved his dogs, his kids, and his grandchildren. He loved his parents, siblings and friends - and I am so fortunate to have had him as my brother.

Daron

Daron Hall - December 14, 2025 at 11:56 AM

AT

“*Andrea & Trevor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Hall.*

Andrea & Trevor - December 13, 2025 at 07:17 PM

AT

“ *Andrea & Trevor purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Brian Hall.*



Andrea & Trevor - December 13, 2025 at 07:17 PM



“ *I'm sorry for the loss of Brian. Brian befriended me when I came to McClure in 4th grade, I was a quiet kid and didn't know anyone at the school. We were friends through 6th grade when I moved to a different district. I only ran into him a few times after that, but we became Facebook friends a few years ago and I really enjoyed his posts and felt like I knew him again. I could see how big his heart was from the things he did, his love for his dogs, and his regular trips (with the dogs) to see his dad. The Shunga story is the rescue of all rescues. I really found myself rooting for Brian and was greatly saddened hearing of his passing. May he rest in peace and the Hall family find comfort in the memories of him.*

Jeff Botkin - December 13, 2025 at 02:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brian Hall.*



December 12, 2025 at 02:54 PM

PE

“ Peter & Aurelia Earles purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Brian Hall.



Peter & Aurelia Earles - December 12, 2025 at 01:35 PM

CA

“ Andrea, Chuck and I send condolences to you and your family. You are a great friend, mom, daughter and sister. I'm glad our paths have crossed so we can be here for you. Hugs, Chuck and Carol Torrence.

carol - December 11, 2025 at 03:38 PM

DS

“ Dad, Gregg, Bobo, and Saxton purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Brian Hall.



Dad, Gregg, Bobo, and Saxton - December 11, 2025 at 02:39 PM

DS

“ Dad, Gregg, Bobo, and Saxton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Brian Hall.

Dad, Gregg, Bobo, and Saxton - December 11, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Brian Hall.*



December 11, 2025 at 08:47 AM



“ *Don, Gregg, Saxton, Banner and Hall Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Listening to Gregg tell stories about his family over the years has made it feel like we know you. We hope that your memories will bring you comfort in the coming days.
Love you, Chuck, Amy, Faxon, Ailey Freeman*

Amy - December 10, 2025 at 08:40 PM



“ *We are devastated to learn of Brian's passing. He was a big part of our lives & one of my husbands best friends. He helped us remodel both our old home and our new home. Fishing trips & Saturday night dinners where he was always welcome. He looked after our pets when we were on vacation. Took us to & from the airport in KC. Accompanied us on many boat trips at lake Perry & prime rib parties at our home. He even volunteered to be designated driver for friends. That was the kind of person he was. A really kind & good soul. He loved & cared for his dogs. Took them on long walks late at night. Fly high Brian. You have earned your wings. You will forever live in our hearts. ❤️*

Cheryl & Eric Simpson - December 10, 2025 at 10:59 AM

SH

“ Andrea,
I didn't know your brother, but want to express my condolences to
you and your family.
Sandra

Sandra Hazlett - December 10, 2025 at 09:43 AM

TL

“ Andrea, I am so sorry for your loss. I will pray for you and your
family during this difficult time. Theresa Lundquist

Theresa Lundquist - December 10, 2025 at 05:57 AM

DC

“ Daron, Jenni, Jacqueline and Charlie purchased
the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of
Brian Hall.



Daron, Jenni, Jacqueline and Charlie - December 10, 2025 at
01:03 AM

SY

“ Th Halks were our “cousins,” even though my mom was and only
child, but Don and Phyllis were my parents best friends. We had so
many fun adventures camping, fishing, and just creating havoc in
the neighborhood. Brian lived with my parents for a bit when he
went to Hutch JCC. We all loved Brian and will always cherish his
memory.

Susan (Bearce) Younger - December 09, 2025 at 09:45 PM

DW

“ *Always a great friend and it was always fun growing up and going through school with Brian. You will be missed my friend.*



Dane Weller - December 09, 2025 at 07:31 PM