



Carlan Honaker

November 16, 1930 - July 28, 2024

Carlan David Honaker, 93, Topeka, Kansas, master woodcarver, passed away Sunday, July 28, 2024.

Carlan was born November 16, 1930, in Platte City, Missouri, to Arthur and Mary Dorothy Beck Honaker and grew up in Weston, Missouri. Carlan served in the Kansas National Guard attaining the rank of 1st Sgt. in the 35th Division. During the great flood of Topeka in 1951, Carlan stood guard at the Sardou Bridge for which he received a citation.

On June 23, 1950, Carlan and Lois Irene Honaker were united in marriage enjoying 74 years together!

Carlan was self-employed as a Public Accountant for many years. He was past president of the Public Accounting Association of Kansas and had been a member of many civic organizations including sitting on the boards of Sheltered Living and the Crittenton Home. He was a member of the Arab Shrine, Scottish Rite and Golden Rule Lodge 90.

Carlan was a master woodcarver who studied with a master woodcarver in Austria. Carlan's beautiful work adorns prestigious places; he carved the Scottish thistles on the doors of the governor's mansion and the seal of the Kansas Supreme Court which hangs in that courtroom. He taught

woodcarving at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska for years.

Carlan was a wonderful man, knowledgeable, talented, and fun. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Grateful to have shared his life are his wife, Irene Honaker; children, Carla Honaker, Carbondale, Paul Honaker (Becky), Topeka, Karen Burns (Paul) Dayton OH, and Brian Honaker (Dayana) Knoxville TN; 17 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Carlan was preceded in death by his grandson, Nash Gilbert, and his brother and sister-in-law, Ronald and Donna Honaker.

Visitation will be Thursday, August 1, from 5 until 7 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Shriner's Hospitals for Children, sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1 (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
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Funeral Service

AUG 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carlan Honaker



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - August 01, 2024 at 07:00 PM



“ Irene & family, we will miss Carlan so much. Especially that mischievous twinkle he always had in his eye. I know he and dad are having a wonderful reunion.
Love, Lisa & Ken.

Lisa Jeffries - August 03, 2024 at 03:43 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Carlan's passing, but rejoice that we have hope of life eternal through Jesus! Carlan was always friendly and helpful with tax matters. Especially appreciate how he tried to help pastors with tax issues. Blessings to all of the family. May the Lord strengthen and comfort you all! --Raymond and Ann (Marshall) Dunn

Ann Dun - August 02, 2024 at 01:14 PM

GC

“ My condolences to Carlan's family. Carlan spread a lot of joy over his lifetime. When I started a home sales business back in the 70's Carlan was there with all his ease and comfort, making an understandable tax record for my job so much easier. His ability to bring people into the wood carving world was incredible. Carlan will be missed my many.

In Sympathy

Gail Cox

Gail Cox - August 01, 2024 at 04:06 PM

GF

“ Gabe, Lauren, Jessica and their families purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Carlan Honaker.



Gabe, Lauren, Jessica and their families - August 01, 2024 at 01:34 PM

GW

“ I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I carved at his studio for 19 years before moving to Arizona. I learned so much from him and often quote him to the woodcarvers here. Many here knew him from carving at Doane's. I will let them know of his passing. Gary Whitlock

Gary Whitlock - July 31, 2024 at 09:21 PM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. Love Jeanne and June "Lutz"

Jeanne Lutz Barnhart - July 31, 2024 at 07:26 PM

CD

“ so sorry will miss him.

Charles and Willa DeCastro - July 31, 2024 at 04:25 PM

BC

Geppetto has hung his apron on the bench and headed for the high country! With a smile, a wink of the eye and 10X Stetson - He and Joe P are just looking for a way to make the pot boil! A mentor, teacher, confident and friend. God speed and RIP

Bruce C Coffman - August 01, 2024 at 01:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carlan Honaker.*



July 31, 2024 at 02:05 PM

DG

“ *Sorry to hear of Carlin's passing. He was our tax accountant for over 30 years. We met him when we first moved to Topeka. We always enjoyed talking to him when he was preparing our taxes. He was a good person that will be missed by many. RIP. Dan&Janice Greer*

Dan&Janice Greer - July 31, 2024 at 12:55 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Carlan Honaker.*



July 30, 2024 at 07:47 PM

HF

“ Heartfelt condolences - Your NPF Friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carlan Honaker.

Heartfelt condolences - Your NPF Friends - July 30, 2024 at 07:47 PM

TA

“ In dedication to the "Geppetto" we all know and loved it seem fitting to have a tree planted in your memory. Carlan may your memory be eternal. Dnc. David and Tammy Abshear.



Tammy Abshear - July 30, 2024 at 04:42 PM

TA

“ Tammy A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carlan Honaker.

Tammy A. - July 30, 2024 at 04:36 PM

KM

“ He was one of the greatest men I know. He was an angel to my kids and myself. He always asked how Conner was doing as if he was his own grandson. He would do anything for anyone. One thing that will always remember is how much he loved his Pink Christmas tree that he bought at the Festival of Trees. There is so many memories that I have and I will cherish of him and all the stories he shared with me. He holds a very special place in my heart and will never be forgotten. He became family to me along with the rest of the family. Thoughts and Prayers to Irene and all the entire family. Love to All



Kathy Michaelis - July 30, 2024 at 01:03 PM

NM

“ Sorry for your loss!

Nelda McMillan - July 30, 2024 at 11:09 AM

RW

My cousin, Carlan, was such an easy guy to talk to. I live in Salina and there were 2 people in my church that new him and took wood carving classes from him. I love him.

Rebekah Weaverling - July 30, 2024 at 11:33 AM

FT

Carlan was a gentleman and an all-around great guy.

Frank D. Taff - July 30, 2024 at 12:26 PM

DI

*I am sorry for your loss!
I met Carlan in 1963 when I started at Santa Fe he was a mentor and friend, he and his family did my Income Tax for years. I run into him at the beginning of this year and we had a great time catching up. Carlan will be missed.*

Doris Iarossi

Doris Iarossi - July 30, 2024 at 03:05 PM



So sorry to hear of Carlan's passing. He was a great guy and a extraordinary craftsman. I admired him very much the few times I spoke with him. If there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to ask.

Denver Erickson - July 30, 2024 at 04:32 PM

DI

I was just driving by where he lived and thought of him yesterday. I met him through my employer and crafted a replica of my employer's sailboat. Very talented and a wonderful person.

Darlene Ijams - July 31, 2024 at 09:43 AM