



Clem Crawford

July 31, 1946 - July 29, 2025

Clem K. Crawford, 78, Topeka, Kansas, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully, his wife at his side, Tuesday, July 29, 2025, of Lewy Body Dementia.

Clem was born July 31, 1946, in Oklahoma City, the adopted son of Frank and Violet Gunning Crawford. He grew up in Enid, Oklahoma, graduating from Enid High School in 1964. Clem served our country honorably in the US Air Force from 1964 to 1968. In 1968, Clem and Victoria Flowers were united in marriage at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Chanute, Kansas, enjoying 57 years together.

Clem was employed by Southwestern Bell/ AT&T from 1968 until he retired in 2002. He was a former member of Holy Name Catholic Church for many years and a current member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council No. 8059 and the James W. Gibbons Fourth Degree Assembly.

A good provider, Clem would do anything and drive anywhere to attend the children's events. He remodeled their large older home and was able to cook pancakes and eggs if needed. Clem was an avid sports fan and he and Vicki were Friends of Washburn University with season tickets to Washburn basketball for years, making many friends during that time. Clem made friends

easily everywhere he went. He enjoyed fly fishing in Colorado and Branson, made the best assorted chocolates at Christmastime and was a volunteer extraordinaire. The Knights of Columbus, Hayden High School, Holy Name Church and St. Francis Hospital were some of the organizations that benefitted through Clem's dedicated assistance. He loved to travel and was exceptionally adept at packing the car for those trips – think Clark Griswold.

Clem knew when to be gentle, when to be certain, when to be direct and when to step back and observe. It could be said of Clem, "He lived a good life with a maximum of luck, did little harm and was pleased to have been here." Clem's large circle of friends and family would agree with that description and more, and will miss him dearly.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Vicki; daughter, Christina M Holladay (Darren); son, Ryan W. Crawford (Teresa Reicherter); grandchildren, Jordan, Emma, Jane, Elizabeth and Quin; his sister, Delena Newman; nieces, nephews; and several cousins.

Clem received excellent care and his family is most grateful to Oakley Place of Topeka and Midland Care.

Family will greet friends from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, August 7, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, when the rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, August 8, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial of Clem's cremains will be at a later date in Chanute, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Midland Care or Most Pure Heart of Mary Church.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery - Chanute

Chanute, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **8**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church
3601 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Committal Service

AUG **15**. 1:00 PM.

Memorial Park Cemetery - Chanute
Chanute, KS

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Clem Crawford



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - August 04, 2025 at 04:36 PM

LA

“ Vicki! Thank you for allowing me to take care of Clem while he was here with us, such a sweet soul, he was kind funny and loving. Always my trouble maker sending hugs ☐ ❤️

Laila - August 14, 2025 at 05:05 PM

BD

“ Vicki and family, Scott and I were driving down 21st a few days ago and passed by your street and talked about your family. With Scott helping to coach Ryan and friends in basketball at Holy Name and getting to know you and Clem thru this. Myself working at SWB with Clem. You both were always so kind and a joy to talk with. We've lost touch over the years but will always have fond memories! God bless you and your family, our deepest sympathies ☐ 🙏
Barbara and Scott DeWalt

Barbara DeWalt - August 12, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clem Crawford.*



August 06, 2025 at 08:55 PM



“ *Much love to the Crawford family in this time of remembrance and grief. I wish I had known Clem. I worked closely with Christi and I can see many wonderful qualities in her that echo the sentiments in the obituary.*

Mana Hobson - August 06, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Clem Crawford.*



August 05, 2025 at 10:24 PM



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

August 05, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clem Crawford.*



August 05, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ *If I could take away your grief I would. The good ones are forever cherished.*
MaryAnn Cummings

MaryAnn Cummings - August 05, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ *CF Sales and Marketing Team purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Clem Crawford.*



CF Sales and Marketing Team - August 04, 2025 at 06:04 PM



“ *Vicki and Family, Our sympathy to you all, we will keep you in our prayers. God Bless!*

Jim and Helen Fry - August 04, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ *Vicki and Family-Our sympathy and prayers to you. May the special memories of Clem bring you peace and comfort. God Bless You!*
Carole and Jake Mertz

carole mertz - August 03, 2025 at 10:12 PM

PA

“ Sorry to hear of Clem's passing. Thinking of you and your family. Good memories of our friendship. Love to you.
Pat Abbey

Pat Abbey - August 03, 2025 at 02:45 PM

TY

“ Tenda Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clem Crawford.

Tenda Y. - August 02, 2025 at 09:24 PM

CE

“ I met Clem when he was an airman at Forbes AFB in Topeka. Then he worked at Southwestern Bell as I did, and we interacted at Hayden High when our kids were there. Clem is described perfectly in his obituary - a very kind person who made friends everywhere he went. I'll remember our times we visited at Terry's Bar when he and Vicky were there eating at the same time as my husband and I. Vicky - you and your family have my deepest sympathy and support if you need it.

Connie Everett - August 02, 2025 at 01:27 PM

LD

“ Clem and I were best friends during our junior and senior years at Enid High School. We worked together at the Somewhere drive in flipping hamburgers and making ice creme cones. Double dating in my old 1953 Chevy, Those were the great days. My prayers are with you Vicki

larry dellinger - August 01, 2025 at 10:54 PM

KD

“ Dear Vicki,Christy and Ryan . I am heartily sorry about the passing of Clem. he was just as kind of a man as you could ever meet. I know you will all miss him dearly. may the Lord be with you in your suffering. Love you all. Kevin Didde

Kevin Didde - August 01, 2025 at 01:43 PM

SB

“ Although I never had the opportunity to personally met Clem, I have been present to Vicki during his dementia journey, through our caregiver support group at Midland Care. I loved hearing stories about Clem and their life together. He must have been a remarkable man with such an amazing wife and family. I know he will be missed. Sharil Baxter

Sharil Baxter - August 01, 2025 at 12:44 PM

CK

“ Clem was the most amazing neighbor. He was always willing to help with whatever I needed, especially when Brad was gone. One time I was extremely grateful for, was when he came and caught the bat that got inside our house. It was bedtime, but he came to the rescue with his fishing net. Clem's Christmas chocolates were always the best, and he loved the homemade cookies that were shared with him. One of the last times I took scones over before our move, he joking told me not to tell Vicki that I brought some over so he could eat them all himself. We loved Clem and love Vicki. We were blessed to have them next door.

Cheryl Koehn - July 31, 2025 at 09:36 PM

SA

“ My deepest sympathy to Vicki and family. Clem was one of the nicest man I've met. Always there with a smile and hug. God bless.

Sarah & Dave Gigous

Sarah - July 31, 2025 at 08:56 PM

KS

“ It has always been fun to step into Holy Name or wherever, and see you two. Always a smile and warm heart! My heart goes out to you!
Karen STrobel

karen strobel - July 31, 2025 at 05:20 PM

CP

*Vicki, Christy and Ryan,
Dave and I am so sorry to hear of Clem's passing. He was a very special guy. He took such good care of his family, including his mother in law. I remember Clem as a kind, loving and fun guy. He will be missed. May he rest in peace. We love you .*

Carol Peterson - July 31, 2025 at 07:01 PM

HE

*Vicki, Christi, and Ryan You all have my sincere sympathy and Love at this time. Clem was a very special guy and friend to many. Our friendship started as neighbors on Meadow Lane. It has never ended. My memories include great times at KofC events, traveling together to FL, CA, CO, Chicago Many times I called on Clem to help set live traps to catch racoons, help with a phone problem. Death leaves a heart aches no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal
Love Helen*

Helen - August 02, 2025 at 09:30 AM

TB

“ My condolences to Vicki and the family for the loss of Clem. Clem loved his family first and foremost. He was always kind to my mother, especially after my father's passing. Any time he passed through Wichita, he always made a point of stopping to see her and took care of small projects she needed to have done. My guess is that he will continue to be the Lord's helper.

Ted Beckloff - July 31, 2025 at 05:09 PM