



## Corwyn Wenke

August 22, 1954 - January 10, 2025

Corwyn Eugene Wenke, affectionately known by his grandkids as "Grandpa Noisy" and by his nephews as "Uncle Trouble," passed away at his home in Topeka, Kansas on January 10, 2025, at the age of 70 years. Born on August 22, 1954, in Topeka, Kansas to John Arthur Wenke, Jr. and Ardith Elaine Bolton. Corwyn grew up in a close-knit Catholic family alongside his two younger sisters, Carolyn and Robin. He graduated from Hayden High School in 1972, then attended Washburn University for three years, studying mathematics, computer science, chemistry, and biology.

Corwyn began his career as a Stock Clerk at the Falley's White Lakes location in 1975. Through his hard work, dedication, and passion for the grocery business, he rose to the position of Information Manager for Falley's / Food 4 Less, until he moved on in 2005 after 30 amazing years with the company. After leaving Falley's, Corwyn continued his professional journey as a Sales Representative for Wells Blue Bunny, where he worked from 2005 until 2018, when he retired. One common thread throughout his career was ice cream; at Falley's, he managed the ice cream division for 9 years, and at Blue Bunny, he called upon stores in his territory for their ice cream orders. Those who knew him well understood Corwyn's love for ice cream and often referred to him as "the ice cream man" or "the Blue Bunny guy."

Outside of work, Corwyn's hobbies reflected his vibrant and social nature; he

spent his younger days participating in city league bowling, softball, and basketball, and then he became a city and county adult league referee/umpire for multiple sports. Later on, Corwyn purchased his pride and joy, a Honda VTX 1800 motorcycle (hence, "Grandpa Noisy"), and became an avid rider. Corwyn and his long-time sweetheart, Linda, traveled nearly everywhere via motorcycle, weather permitting, and truly enjoyed themselves on the open road. More recently, Corwyn and Linda enjoyed spending their evenings at Boulevard Billiards, sharing good food, stories, and laughter with their large group of friends. Corwyn enjoyed connecting with others by organizing regular social events and reunions for his classmates from Hayden High School. He loved cooking wonderful meals and baking delicious desserts while spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was a big fan of NASCAR, Indy, and dirt track racing, and loved the Kansas City Chiefs and Kansas Jayhawks.

Corwyn was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Ardith (Bolton) Wenke, who passed in 2009. Corwyn is survived by his loving family: his father, John Wenke of Topeka, Kansas; his sweetheart Linda Smith of Topeka, Kansas; his son, Pat Wenke (Sara) and their children Cooper and John, of Lawrence, Kansas; his daughter, Jamie Wenke (Tim Bartlett) and their children Lucy and Frances, of Nashville, Tennessee; Linda's daughter, Rachelle Jones and her children Isaac and Spencer, of Topeka, Kansas; his sister, Carolyn Spritzer of Topeka, Kansas and her son David Spritzer (Leesa) and their son Sean, of Sayreville, New Jersey; his sister, Robin Smith (Mark) and their children Matthew and Andrew, of Odenton, Maryland. Corwyn is also survived by numerous cousins on both the Wenke and Bolton sides of the family.

The family will honor Corwyn's memory with a visitation on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, from 5 to 7 p.m., and a funeral service on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 1 p.m. Both will be held at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka, KS 66614. Following the service, a private burial will take place at Mount Hope Cemetery. A celebration of life at

Boulevard Billiards will be scheduled in the near future.

Corwyn's funeral service will be live-streamed on the funeral home's Facebook page, you can follow this link. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063672125244>

Corwyn will be deeply missed by all who knew him but will be fondly remembered for his warmth, humor, and enduring legacy of love and laughter. As many who knew him would say, "he was one of the good ones."

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Heart Association or Hayden Catholic High School, in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online at [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **15**. 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](mailto:info@kevinbrennanfamily.com)

## Funeral Service

JAN **16**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Corwyn Wenke



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 14, 2025 at 04:35 PM

RE

*We were shocked by the news of Corwyn's passing. Such a funny, sincere and loving man. Prayers for his family during this difficult time. RIP Corwyn, you will be missed my so many. Love to all! The Ollar's*

Renee - January 16, 2025 at 12:59 PM

CE

*So very sorry to hear of his passing. I worked with him many years ago at Falleys/Food 4 Less. He was such a cool guy! Sending prayers to all of you.*

Candy Erzen - January 18, 2025 at 05:35 PM

CA

“ *I'm sorry to here about Wenke I met him through being a umpire He was a good umpire but we bonk heads a few times I was a pitcher in Co-Rec softball He knew what he was doing when he called it a ball So after game he would tell me I can't let you strike out a man it don't look good on us Lol Going to miss seeing him come into work Prayers for family and friends*

Carla - January 16, 2025 at 09:38 PM

DS

“ John, Linda and Wenke family - It was a shock to learn of Corwyn's passing. Growing up with "Corky" as we called him, always brought so much laughter into our neighborhood with his pranks. I remember when he helped me navigate going to Hayden when I decided to go there for High School. Kenny enjoyed bowling with him and playing other sports as they got older. My dad always enjoyed seeing Corky after ball games enjoying his "hot spicy tomato" beer that my dad made for all the players. You would always come and visit us in Arizona when attending Blue Bunny company meetings and we truly loved spending time with you and Linda. I know you will bring such warmth and love to your mom, my mom and dad as you join them. You will be incredibly missed dear friend. Debby (Siegel) and Kenny Shively

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**Debby Shively** - January 16, 2025 at 04:31 PM

LC

John. Thinking of you at this time with my expression of sympathy for the loss of your son. Take care.  
Lowell Chellberg

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**Lowell Chellberg** - January 16, 2025 at 10:15 PM

RP

“ Sorry to miss the visitation and service. Miss riding with him and Linda, always fun.

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**Richard Price** - January 16, 2025 at 01:55 PM

MF

“ *John and family,*

*I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Corwyn. He was such a joy to know, and his bright spirit and contagious laughter always lit up the room. His presence will be deeply missed. May he rest in peace.*

*Maggie*

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**Maggie Francis** - January 16, 2025 at 12:11 PM

WO

“ *We love you all! The Ollar's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Corwyn Wenke.*

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**We love you all! The Ollar's** - January 16, 2025 at 10:50 AM

WO

“ *We love you all! The Ollar's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Corwyn Wenke.*



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**We love you all! The Ollar's** - January 16, 2025 at 10:50 AM

BP

“ *Pat, Jaimie, Linda, John - I was so shocked to hear about Corwyn's passing. My sincere condolences to you and your family! I worked with Corwyn for so many years at Falley's. He was a great co-worker, mentor and friend. His humor, wit and mischievous nature always made work more enjoyable.*

*My God bless you and comfort you in this difficult time.*

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**Brian Pendergrass** - January 16, 2025 at 10:04 AM

BY

“ We were so shocked and saddened to hear of the loss of Corwyn , our sincere condolences go out to all of his family . Thinking of you all . Bill & Chris Yaley and family

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**Bill Yaley** - January 15, 2025 at 05:28 PM

SJ

“ I remember Wenke (he always called himself Wenke) when he was a Wells Blue Bunny Sales Rep. I had a short career as the Price Scanning Coordinator at Ray's Apple Market in St.Marys. He was always such a fresh breath of air and thoroughly enjoyed all our conversations. Every time I eat BB Ice Cream I always remember him and think of what a wonderful man he was! May he rest in peace! Stacey Jukes

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**Stacey Jukes** - January 15, 2025 at 05:07 PM

AP

“ Corwyn, Pat, Jaimie, Linda, John, Ardith--so many memories began with computer installations across the Falleys/Food4Less stores circa 1992 and beyond 1996. Corwyn was always hard working, seeking to streamline the register installs and training sessions no matter the weather, -25 in Salinas and over 100 heat in Wichita. His were coordination efforts, late nights getting everything ready to go live, teaching cashier and back room classes and teaching the store teachers. He addressed issues as they arose and always was ready for work arounds. He was indefatigable!

A big fan of the Kansas Jayhawks (not to mention the Chiefs and Super Bowl wins), on a trip to visit Tom and I in Colorado on his motorcycle with Linda in July 2013--he slapped a paper Jayhawk on my car's Longhorn insignia that I didn't discover immediately. He was always ready with a joke (some ba-ah-ah groaners), a laugh, a smile and the latest about Pat and Jaimie and their families and accomplishments, especially grandchildren! He was so proud of his Dad and Mom.

The memory video is absolutely the essence of Corwyn and a fine tribute to help remember the absolutely great life of this amazing man for his family.

Make God bless you and keep the lightness in your hearts that is Corwyn Wenke!

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**Adrienne Pohrte** - January 15, 2025 at 11:41 AM

JH

“ Our hearts go out to Linda and family, Corwins dad lived across the street from Dennis and I for 33 years. Such a nice guy and great smile. Love hanging out at The boulevard on Tuesdays! Rest in peace my friend.

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**Janice&Dennis Hudson** - January 14, 2025 at 11:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Corwyn Wenke.*



January 14, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ *He delivered to the Caseys store I worked at. He was a wonderful guy who was always smiling. My prayers go out to his family.*

**Kay Yette** - January 14, 2025 at 12:03 PM



“ *Can't believe your gone Corwyn. Always had a special love for you...always will remember!*

**Danna** - January 13, 2025 at 11:40 PM



“ *I went to St. Matthew's and also Hayden high school always admired his ability to smile and have an awesome attitude no matter what. RIP my friend. Say hello to Mom ❤️*

**Nancy White** - January 13, 2025 at 06:47 PM



*This news comes as such a big shock I go back with Corwyn in the days as him working Milk delivery programs with the Falley's Stores Corwyn was such a joyful person that I could always count on seeing a smile on his Face Corwyn rest in peace and say hello to one of your favorite foodies "Taco AI" See you soon on the other side Prayers of comfort or Linda and all the family*

**Mike Boaz** - January 13, 2025 at 09:47 PM



*R.I.P. Corwyn  
Mr & Mrs Patrick J Weissbeck  
Hayden High 1972*

**Patrick Weissbeck** - January 14, 2025 at 02:48 PM



*I'm so sorry, Pat & Sarah! We met your dad at your wedding reception and were quite taken with him. Very friendly with us. -- Jullia*

**Julia Magana** - January 14, 2025 at 06:16 PM



*We are so saddened by the loss of Corwyn. We pray for the family .  
God bless.  
Joe and Linda Wildhaber*

**Linda Wildhaber** - January 15, 2025 at 03:54 PM



*John I wish I could take your pain away, thinking of you always. Hugs and prayers to you and the family.*

*Shelley & Craig Hill*

**Shelley Hill** - January 15, 2025 at 07:22 PM



*John, The KSUSBC Board of Directors found out about you and your families loss of Corwyn last night through our board meeting. Praying for you & your family. Carolyn Breshears, Kansas City, KS.*

**Carolyn Breshears** - January 16, 2025 at 11:09 AM



*“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Corwyn Wenke.*



January 13, 2025 at 06:41 PM