



Dana Carter

October 10, 1950 - May 26, 2016

Paul "Dana" Carter, 65, Topeka, passed away Thursday, May 26, 2016, at his home from cancer.

Dana was born October 10, 1950, in Girard KS, the son of Paul Davis Carter and Dorothy Hartley.

Dana was a successful real estate broker working with his wife Janet at Carter Realty. Dana believed in hard work. He worked on the family dairy farm, delivering milk and also raising hogs.

Dana started working at the early age of 15 at the 66 Drive-In Theatre in Carthage MO and then took over the management position at the Twilight Drive-In in Pittsburg KS. In 1975, when an opportunity opened for the management position of the Chief Drive-In, Dana was asked to take it and he did. Since he had winters off, he decided to check into real estate, where he met his wife Janet in 1976. Together, Dana and Janet worked in real estate and in theaters. Later, Dana became the City Manager of all the theaters in Topeka, including the Chief, Cloverleaf, Community, Dickinson, Fox and Fairlawn Twin.

Dana and Janet owned Plato's Arcade in Joplin MO. In 1982 they purchased J. Watson's which later became Cadillac's. In 1983, they purchased two

restaurant locations of Golden Skillet Chicken and changed the name to Carter's Golden Chicken.

Dana continued his real estate career of 40 years until his very last days. He served in all the positions of the Sunflower Association of Realtors, formerly the Topeka Area Association of Realtors, including President in 2005. Dana received numerous awards during his career including the Masters Club and the Andy Anderson Award.

Dana is survived by his wife, Janet, of the home; daughter, Paula Pry (Tim); granddaughter, Misty Pry; grandson, Bodhi Pry; great-grandson, Maxwell Graf; brother, John Carter (Rhonda); numerous nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Elizabeth Carter and two grandsons, Matthew and Micheal Pry.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 1, 2016, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 2, 2016, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Penwell-Gabel cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sunflower Association of Realtors Relief Fund, sent in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Penwell-Gabel Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 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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Funeral Service

JUN 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dana Carter*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - June 01, 2016 at 09:38 AM



“ *Dana Carter*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Michael lit a candle in memory of Dana Carter*



Michael - June 10, 2021 at 01:44 AM



“ *Janet,
Marquas and I are so sorry to hear about Dana's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Lisa Zuniga

lisa zuniga - June 07, 2016 at 04:48 PM

MM

“ *To Janet, Paula & Family,
We send our deepest heartfelt sympathy. Dana Carter was a special guy to all of us who knew him; so kind and unassuming. We had such good times working with Dana and enjoying his sense of humor. Do not let your hearts be troubled....Dana's spirit will still be with us, we will still have our fond memories & still hear his voice - such is the gift of the Lord & His loving kindness to us. Our prayers are with you*

Mike & Diana Martin

michael martin - June 01, 2016 at 11:21 PM

MM

“ *Janet and family,
Dana was a man I(we) always liked, respected and admired. Another like him won't be along anytime soon. Always a good friend, customer and supporter. Patriarch was so thrilled that you two made it to our Uptown reunion concert, we owed a lot to him for all he did for us back in the day. We are so very sorry for your loss, may God bless.*

Mike and Theresa Maxwell and the entire Patriarch family

Mike Maxwell - June 01, 2016 at 04:54 PM

CD

“ I am new to the real estate world and did not personally know Dana, but we share a common ground being affected by cancer too. He sounds like a wonderful man, husband & father. My condolences to the family left behind. May God comfort you and bless you all. I am so sorry for your loss.



Sincerely,

Cruselia (Kris) Davis
Heritage Realty
Garden City, KS

Cruselia Davis - June 01, 2016 at 04:00 PM

LF

“ Love, The Grimes Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dana Carter.



Love, The Grimes Family - June 01, 2016 at 03:53 PM

DW

“ Janet,
I was so sad to hear of Dana's passing. I always enjoyed seeing and talking to Dana at his appointments. He was just always so friendly. I will not be able to attend his funeral but I will be thinking of you and your family.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ed Webber and staff

Dr. Edward Webber - June 01, 2016 at 03:40 PM

LF

“ Love, The Missouri Carter girls and families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dana Carter.



Love, The Missouri Carter girls and families - May 31, 2016 at 01:40 PM

DG

“ Janet and Paula, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Dana and the times he helped me at Greenbrier, the world will miss a great and wonderful person. May GOD be with you all in this time of sadness and mourning. DeAun Goodman



DeAun Goodman - May 31, 2016 at 11:56 AM

JL

“ Janet and Paula,
We are so sorry to hear about Dana. Me and Dana had many a long conversation discussing the problems of the world. It was a pleasure to have known him. John and Lea Lyons

John Lyons - May 31, 2016 at 10:27 AM

DD

“ Janet,
My condolences, I always enjoyed taking to Dana anytime I have to set appointments. He will be missed.
Doug Desch

Doug Desch - May 31, 2016 at 09:11 AM

MF

“ I will truly miss our heated "debates" but no matter how many times we argued Dana was always there when I needed him. - (nephew) Michael Frost

I will never forget the 4+ hour conversation Dana and I had on the front porch a couple months ago or the way he always said "hi gal." In almost 5 years I don't think he ever called me by my name. It was always "Hi Gal!" - Sharla Frost

Michael & Sharla Frost - May 30, 2016 at 11:10 PM

DJ

“ David, Teresa, Shane and Zach Johnson purchased the *With Distinction* for the family of Dana Carter.



David, Teresa, Shane and Zach Johnson - May 30, 2016 at 09:51 PM

CC

“ Claude, Rosalie, Rachel and Carmen purchased the *Ever Upward Bouquet* for the family of Dana Carter.



Claude, Rosalie, Rachel and Carmen - May 30, 2016 at 04:00 PM

WI

“ Janet, Paula, Tim, our sincere condolences to you. Dana was a great guy, he always had a good story and some good advice when he came to the shop. And we shared a good laugh too. We will miss him!

Paul and Wink @ Pro Automotive

Wink - May 29, 2016 at 10:08 PM

DL

“ Janet, Paula and Tim, words cannot express the pain of losing such a wonderful man. Dana was special to me in many ways. He was a big teddy bear and smart as a whip. I am glad he is no longer suffering. The Lord took home one of the best. May he guide you in the difficult days ahead. God Bless!

Deb & Dennis Lindsay - May 28, 2016 at 09:36 PM

DD

“ Janet,
I am so sorry for your loss. Dana was a great man! I will always be grateful to you both in so many ways. I am so sad of losing a man like Dana in our lives and world. My thoughts are with you and your family in this difficult time.

Darlene A. Duncan

Darlene A. Duncan - May 28, 2016 at 02:15 PM

VM

Janet, I am so sorry to hear about Dana...was surprised as I was unaware he had been ill...think of you often, and will keep you and the family in my prayers....Vicky Moore

Vicky Moore - May 30, 2016 at 01:04 PM

RC

RIP Uncle Dana...Joshua (Amanda), Paul (Cassie), Seth (Tasha), Caleb (Sarah), Luke (Rachel), Levi, Asa, and Abel, your nephews

Rhonda Carter - May 30, 2016 at 01:18 PM

DC

Janet, I am sorry for your loss. I can remember 40 years ago working for him at the Chief Drive Inn and then again at Cadillacs. Lots of memories there. Prayers going out to you and the family. Donna Cochran-Theis.

Donna Cochran-Theis - May 31, 2016 at 09:54 AM

KB

So very sorry to hear about Dana. He was a great guy and I enjoyed working with him.

Karey Brown - May 31, 2016 at 11:07 AM

MB

Janet and Paula - So sorry to return to the US from a vacation abroad to hear about the passing of Dana. You and your family are in my prayers.

Marta Barron - May 31, 2016 at 05:05 PM

KC

Janet, Such a shock to read of the loss of such a a good guy. I was the nurse in his doctors office many years before I retired. He was his own person, but not so much bite as bark. We had great discussions, brief, but I always had a take away from them. Too young, but he certainly lived his life to it's fullest. Peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Kay Coward

Kay Coward - June 01, 2016 at 09:05 AM

KY

Janet and Paula, so very sorry to hear about Dana passing. I have helped you all for 30 years with your real estate listings. Dana was a great guy. You and your families are in my prayers.

Karen Yost - June 01, 2016 at 09:55 AM

SE

I am very sorry for your loss, Dana and I were friends, classmates and teammates growing up in Carthage, MO. He was a great person and no one worked harder. None of his teammates enjoyed lining up across from Dana during football practice, there was no one tougher on the field. It's no surprise Dana was successful in business and life. He will be missed!

Steve Erwin - June 04, 2016 at 08:14 PM