



## Darrell Madison

February 12, 1961 - July 18, 2021

Darrell Madison, 60, Topeka KS, passed away Sunday, July 18, 2021.

Darrell was born February 12, 1961, in Topeka. He graduated from Shawnee Heights High School in 1979 and attended the University of Kansas. On September 20, 1991, Darrell and Karen Lynn Butterfield were united in marriage, enjoying almost 30 years together.

Darrell worked in metal fabrication and was a warehouseman. He was a Mason and member of Dover Lodge 138. He played baseball and softball from childhood into his 40s and then he coached his grandchildren. He was a motorcycle enthusiast and loved the Jayhawks. But more than anything, he was a family man. He loved dearly and was dearly loved. He will be greatly missed.

Grateful to have shared Darrell's life are his wife, Karen; mother-in-law, Karolyn Sharp; daughter, Amanda Madison; son, Andrew Madison; grandchildren, Quinton and Gabriel Matherly, Xavier, Makayla, Destyne, Brennan and Addeline Grace Madison; two brothers and three sisters. Darrell was preceded in death by his mother, Verta Greene Madison and father-in-law, Oren Sharp.

Family will greet friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, at Kevin

Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. A Celebration of Darrell's Life will be Thursday, 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Ted Ensley Gardens at Lake Shawnee and sent in care of the funeral home.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 21. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## A Celebration of Life

JUL 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Darrell Madison



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - July 20, 2021 at 05:54 PM



*Thank you for the beautiful tribute to my brother.*

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**Charlene Dancer** - July 21, 2021 at 10:03 PM

GM

“ I feel like this is one of the only ways to talk to my grandpa. But he was all I could ask for in a friend. he taught me how to fish, he and my grandma introduce me to the best football team around, but he taught me life lessons that I wouldn't be able to learn in school. I would give anything to give him a hug right now, or to just sit down at breakfast with the guys and talk about all the crazy things thats going on and ku basketball. its the little things that me and my brother did with him is what I'm missing the most. to having a garage sale or building our own baseball field. I would even go as far as saying I miss moving wood from outside to downstairs. just because I could have take that time for granted. he was my number 1 supporter when I started playing pool for the junior league. he saw what I had and saw that I put in my time to be good and put on a show just for him. he would come out every week that he could just to be with his grandson even when he was sick. he saw me win my two tournements to qualify for nationals but I didn't get to go because of covid. I'm mainly doing this and I don't know if anyone will see this but I hope papa does...but I'm going to nationals for junior league! I always said everything I did from pool to baseball or whatever would be for you papa! and I'm keeping that promise and I'm going to go to St.Louis and play like you were watching me play. I miss you so much and it's crazy that time has passes. but you have not been forgotten...ill always remember my papa..



Gabe Matherly - March 16, 2023 at 01:48 AM

KM

Dear Gabe, I don't know what made me look here today, but I'd like to think it was your Papa. I too miss him, and I miss you. We've always been proud of you. You and Q were the absolute joy of his life...mine too. I will never be sorry that we had you boys for the time that we did. Papa is watching over you. I'm glad you remember. Love, Mema ❤️

Karen Madison - April 08, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ *Darrell Madison*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Charlene Dancer lit a candle in memory of Darrell Madison*



**Charlene Dancer** - July 21, 2021 at 10:05 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathy and prayers in your loss of Darrell. He was always fun to visit with and always upbeat even with all of his health problems. May God hold you close and keep you in His care.*  
*Norman and Nancy Nellis*

**Norman Nellis** - July 21, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ *Vernon Sheldon-Witter lit a candle in memory of Darrell Madison*



**Vernon Sheldon-Witter** - July 20, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ *I grieve for all the Madison Family and pray for all of you. Darrell was a special person.*

**Vern Sheldon-Witter** - July 20, 2021 at 05:41 PM

VS

“ Vern Sheldon-Witter purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Darrell Madison.



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**Vern Sheldon-Witter** - July 20, 2021 at 05:38 PM

FT

“ Florence Crittenton Services of Topeka purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Darrell Madison.



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**Florence Crittenton Services of Topeka** - July 20, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Darrell Madison.



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July 20, 2021 at 03:26 PM

MG

“ Darrell was so generous with how hard he worked and how he took time to get to know the people he worked with at Florence Crittenton. His caring and kindness were so appreciated and we will be mourning his passing. I think his strength of spirit will stay with all of the lives he touched in so many ways. I'm sorry to his family for your loss and you will be in my thoughts.

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**Melissa Gardner** - July 20, 2021 at 01:35 PM

GM

“ Couldn't have spent 4 or 5 years with anyone better. Thank you papa for coaching me not only in baseball, but life. I want to be like you when i get older. You and mema were there for me when no one else was, i promise that will never be forgotten. Fly high papa, ill take care of mema down here, and your yard. I love papa and everything i do, from pool to baseball or whatever it is. Im thinking of you. love you papa bear

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**Gabe matherly** - July 20, 2021 at 01:28 PM

KM

Gabe, I've never been more proud of you than I am right now as I read this. You are a truly remarkable young man. You and Quintin are the absolute light of our lives and we would anything for you. Papa is watching over you from above and I know he's proud too. I love you boys more than words could ever express. Mema

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**Karen Madison** - July 20, 2021 at 05:22 PM

MF

“ Oh the world lost such a positive soul!! The cheerful, happy sound of him whistling while he worked will surely be missed. I am so thankful I had the opportunity to work with and get to know this ray of sunshine!! My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, children and extended family.

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**Monica F** - July 20, 2021 at 12:53 PM

MF

“ WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO KAREN AND FAMILY. LARRY AND MARILYN FLINN

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**MARILYN FLINN** - July 20, 2021 at 10:20 AM

SL

“ Uncle Darrell you'll be deeply missed. You always had a smile and are still my favorite uncle  
Ps- Love you so much whopper head <3



Sabrina Lorson - July 20, 2021 at 07:50 AM

LS

“ Darell always had a smile and a kind word. He was a great friend. I stood up with Karen and Darell at their wedding and remember how excited he was to be marrying his best friend. Karen you are a lucky to have been his chosen one. I will miss his smile and laughter. Karen, Andrew and Mandy I hope you find peace in your memories. Praying for you all.

Lisa Scott - July 19, 2021 at 10:24 PM

PC

Karen,Mandy,Andy your husband and your father was my cousin and even though we lived so far away from each other I will forever love him and I will never forget him I am sending prayers for your family and I send love and hugs always may he missed always and forever and may he rest in peace God bless your family always love cousin pam

Pamela combs - July 19, 2021 at 11:14 PM

DO

“ You will be so missed uncle. I'm so glad that we had a chance to reconnect recently. I love you so much. Andy and Mandy....if u guys need to talk, please call me.

Donette - July 19, 2021 at 10:18 PM

DO

“ You will be so missed by so many. I love you uncle. I'm so glad we reconnected.



Donette - July 19, 2021 at 10:15 PM

CS

“ Darrell was such a glowing example of how to be a light in the world. No matter how he felt he greeted everyone with a smile. He was always ready to take on the next challenge. The world is less bright without Darrell. I am so grateful to have gotten to know him. To his family, I am thinking of you all.

Chelsey S - July 19, 2021 at 09:28 PM

DR

“ I had the pleasure of working with Darrell at Florence Crittenton. He meant so much to many, if not all of us. Hearing his "good morning sweetie" always brought a smile to my face. Darrell insisted I call him grandpa, so grandpa he became. No matter how bad he was feeling he said "As long as I can get out of bed, and put my pants on I'm coming in" and he did, everytime. Thank you so much for the deep talks and sharing stories with me. You are already greatly missed. May you find peace and relief in your next great journey❤️

Destiny Rickerson - July 19, 2021 at 09:18 PM

KA

“ I worked with Darryl at Florence Crittenton. He was a joy to work with! It seemed he had a sixth sense...I would be having a tough morning and his smiling face would pop in to say good morning! Sending the family prayers for peace and strength at this difficult time.

*Kay Berven*

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**kay** - July 19, 2021 at 09:01 PM

KT

“ Darrell and I worked at Florence Crittenton together. He was such a special guy. We had many talks and I always looked forward to hearing him say hello. He was such an encouragement to me so many days. I called him a little over a week ago and he told me the prognosis was 1-3 weeks and he told me to watch for the obituary. I'm so sad and heartbroken Darrell. You were too young. I'm glad we got to have that final phone call and I told you I loved you and just how much you meant to me.

*Karen and family, he spoke of you all so often and he loved you all dearly. I am sending my thoughts and prayers your way.*

*Kelli Terry*

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**Kelli Terry** - July 19, 2021 at 05:59 PM