



David Rothwell

September 5, 1945 - October 8, 2014

David Anthony Rothwell, 69, of Topeka, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at his home.

David was born on September 5, 1945, in Columbus, Ohio the son of John and Gladys Rothwell. He went to grade school and high school in Delaware and then went on to college at St. Thomas College in Menomine, Wisconsin on a basketball scholarship. He entered the Navy and went to Vietnam as a Navy Seal and also spent time on two destroyers during the conflict. He came to Topeka in 1994. He married Catherine Fast in 2003 at Holy Name Church in Topeka. David was an active member of American Legion Post 400 in Topeka, was an American Legion Boys State Advisor for over ten years and was quite active in coaching youth athletics. He took an active interest in swimming and all other sports as well.

Surviving David are his wife, Catherine of the home; his children, JoAnna Lynn Rush (Toby), Roeland Park, Kansas, C. George Rothwell (Lori), Overland Park, Kansas, John Anthony Rothwell (Katie), Gardner, Kansas and Thomas Jeffery "T.J." (Cindy) Seattle, Washington; two step children, Jeanette Redmond (Steve) and Anthony Fast; nine grandchildren; siblings, Louise Rothwell (Jeff Skrede) Boise, Idaho and John Rothwell, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Family will greet friends from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday at Christ the King Church,

where Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Military honors will follow at the Church.

Memorial contributions are suggested to American Legion Boys State of Kansas, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *David Rothwell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Cathy,
Sorry to hear Dave passed away.
May he rest in peace.*

Susan Burdick - October 14, 2014 at 08:54 AM



“ *David Rothwell Family, John, & Louise:
Our deepest & heartfelt sympathy as David was a longtime
Delaware, OH family friend. You will be in our prayers.*

*Sincerely,
Debbie & Ben Lyons
Marietta, OH*

Bernard A. Lyons - October 13, 2014 at 07:42 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I met Dave thru the Catholic Singles
Group, and for many years played volleyball, cards, and other
activities with him. He was a good friend, and will be missed.*

Glenn McCabe - October 10, 2014 at 06:41 PM

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“ *To the Family of David,
I played softball one season with Dave. He was a nice guy and was
always positive about the games, win or lose.
I am sorry about your loss, but know that he will be a shining star in
heaven.*

Mike Welch - October 10, 2014 at 11:25 AM