



Dennis Brooks

January 23, 1940 - March 18, 2026

Dennis W. Brooks went to the ultimate fishing hole in the sky that he had heard so much about, on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. He was born in Newkirk, Oklahoma on January 23, 1940, after his mother traveled with her father-in-law by tractor over a field of deep snow, from one grandparent's home in the country to the other grandparent's home in the city.

Dennis and his parents, Otis Wendell Brooks and Lillian Juanita Marshall Brooks, moved to Wichita, Kansas around 1943. He went to Sunnyside Grade School, Roosevelt Junior High and graduated from East High School. Dennis worked evenings and weekends with his dad in his radio and television repair shop.

In 1959, Dennis joined the United States Air Force, serving in Biloxi, Mississippi, where he started a pen-pal relationship with his future bride. He also served in Blytheville, Arkansas, Adana, Turkey, Salina and Wichita, Kansas, and South Korea. In South Korea, Dennis served on the small island of Baengnyeongdo, which the United States Military frequently called Paengnyeongdo or PY-Do. From this installation, he was able to see North Korea. Dennis served eight years in the Air Force as a flight facilities equipment technician then he was Honorably Discharged in 1967 as a Staff Sergeant. He later served in the Army National Guard from 1976 to 1977. Dennis was a member of the American Legion Post #1.

Dennis married Kathlyn Roberts on August 7, 1964, in Wichita, celebrating 61 ½ years and two children, Ed (Sheri) and Susan. Later becoming grandfather of two wonderful grandsons, Brady and Tanner.

A move from Wichita to Topeka, Kansas, came in April 1968, to become a copy machine repairman. Dennis did this for several years and serviced machines in many offices in Topeka, including the Capital Building and in office buildings in other parts of Eastern Kansas. He worked for the State of Kansas in the planning department, retiring in 2002

Dennis loved the outdoors, with all types of hunting, fishing, camping, as well as travel. He visited all the continents except Africa. Dennis always said it was the people we meet during our travels that made the memories so special. He also bowled and played billiards in several leagues. Dennis loved country music and had volumes of records, tapes and CDs. He was a great troubleshooter and jack of all trades.

Celebration of Dennis' life with Military Honors will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2026, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kansas Honor Flight of Wichita and sent in care of the funeral home. Dennis expressed how much he enjoyed the experience during his Honor Flight in 2016 and would like to help other Veterans do the same. Please visit www.kansashonorflight.org to learn more about this all-volunteer organization that honors Veterans.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

MAY 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis Brooks



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 27 at 02:29 PM

DB

“ I will certainly miss kuzn Den and his wit and humor. He loved to tease my daughters, good naturedly of course. He taught me a lot about hunting and fishing. He knew all the good spots! He also taught me how to enjoy myself in the boat and the way to pass the time of day if'n the fishing was slow. 😊 Thanks Den and I will miss you greatly. Condolences Katie to you and the kids and grandkids! Love you all!!

Don Brooks - April 30 at 10:26 PM

TH

“ I was saddened to hear of Den’s passing. I remember many “family reunions” at Guy & Mae’s. I can still hear the clacking of the pool balls in my mind. I believe the last time I saw Den was at my mom’s 80th birthday party. I saw him sitting on the couch all by his lonesome. I came over and gave him a sign and told him to smile for the picture! You will be sorely missed Den! We’ll all see you on the other side someday. Enjoy catching your fish & drinking your beer on the other side! - Traci



Traci Higbee - April 28 at 02:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis Brooks.



April 28 at 12:25 PM

BB

“ I’m a little too young to have had a lot of interactions with Den at a young age. (I’m 71 and I was too young, WOW does that make me feel old!!!) I do however remember the infamous “rubber band gun wars”, although I don’t remember Glenda and Dennis being there, mostly my brother Don and cousins David and Lorie.

Now, I’m not sure how old I would have been, but Eddie would have been 4,5,or 6. My Dad, Uncle Doc, Don, Den, and Eddie would go out to Frontier fun center on West Kellogg and play “pool table.” (Thats what Eddie called it) Not sure who won. I’m sure there were more, but that’s all I can remember.

Den, you were on of the good ones. I know Kate, Eddie, and Susan take solace in the fact that they know where you are and who you’re with! One day we will all be there to continue our “rubber band gun wars” and “pool table” games.

Bob Brooks - April 26 at 01:28 PM

MA

“ Maybe now you'll get a chance to explain to Foster what you were doing with another woman in your truck while Katie was in Maryland..LOL (He had given me a ride to meet Don) that's the only time I ever saw you at a loss for words. If I'd only known, I could have acted up a little!

MaryBrooks - April 25 at 07:56 PM

GC

“ Dang Seedy im gonna miss going to guy n maes with you n kate. But we share many memories with each other n more after you married one of the fab four of the class ot '62 williamsburg ks. Miss you lots.

Glenda. Den's craizest cuz - April 23 at 03:59 PM

LR

“ *Kathlyn and family, please accept our condolences and know that send our thoughts and prayers.*

Linda & Marlin Roberts - April 03 at 10:53 PM

CT

“ *Kathlyn and family, My sympathy for your loss and may God comfort you and your family. Fondly, Carol Tyler*

Carol Tyler - April 01 at 09:32 PM

JC

“ *May God's peace and love be with you.*

J. R. and Ann Campbell

J. R. Campbell - March 31 at 06:52 PM

CK

“ *I worked with Dennis at KDOT, while we worked in the same unit I was in the office, and he was in the field office (helping keep all of our field traffic collection equipment running). I had to call the field office, I was new to the unit, but I needed to talk to his assistant Electronics guy, and I just couldn't remember his assistants name, so I finally told Dennis "I need to talk to the other guy". Dennis, Larry and I laughed about that for years. I'm thinking Dennis is still laughing about my funny call. Thinking of you Kate & family. My sympathies.*

Cheryl Keil - March 26 at 11:58 PM

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don brooks - April 24 at 11:03 PM

SG

“ So sorry to hear the passing of Mr. Brooks. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. Sonja Golightly

Sonja D Golightly - March 26 at 04:16 PM

BH

“ We remember meeting Dennis and Kathlyn on a wonderful cruise 7 or 8 years ago. We loved getting together in the afternoon to play trivia and although Dennis wasn't a big talker, he would amaze us by coming up with the answer to some difficult questions when the rest of us were stumped!! The Brookses added so much enjoyment to our cruise. Keep playing trivia, Dennis. You're an expert! Barb and Grant, your Canadian friends.

Barb and Grant Halliday - March 25 at 08:37 PM

LW

“ So many memories of Dennis and Kathlyn along with another young couple from the time before any of us married. Through the years we visited back and forth and enjoyed having Dennis visit our farm to go hunting. We loved his droll sense of humor and his talent for fixing things. We send our love and prayers to Kate and the rest of their family.

Linda Woerner

Linda Woerner - March 25 at 08:19 PM