



## Dennis "Denny" Crowder

July 2, 1955 - February 22, 2025

Dennis Ray Williams Crowder, 69, Topeka, KS, passed away unexpectedly at his home, on Saturday, February 22, 2025.

Denny was born July 2, 1955, in Topeka; the son of Shirley G. Williams Crowder and John E. "Raymond" Crowder. He would have been 70 years old on his birthday this year. Denny graduated from Highland Park High School in 1973. After graduation, he started working for his grandparents at Capitol City Plumbing in Topeka. That is where his career in plumbing began. Over the Christmas holidays of 1994, Denny and Rox Ann Artzer met once again in Topeka, where they knew each other years before when Denny and she lived in Topeka. In 1995, Denny moved with Rox Ann to Virginia (Washington, D.C. area), where he continued working as a plumber and she worked for the federal government. On July 1, 2005, Denny and RoxAnn returned to their hometown of Topeka to get married; however, they continued to live in Virginia. They have celebrated being together as a couple for thirty years total, with July 1st marking their 20th anniversary of marriage. Rox Ann retired in 2010, after which Denny and she moved back to Topeka. Denny retired in 2021 but continued to work part time moving cars for Carlson I-70 Auto Auction in Topeka.

Survivors include his wife, Rox Ann; a son by a previous marriage, Nicholas (Whitney) Crowder, Columbus, Indiana; grandsons, William and Nicholas

Crowder; sisters, Monica (Rusty) Newell of Topeka, and Mary (Doug) Jacobsma, of Doon, Iowa; brother, Kirk (Roger) Crowder, Amsterdam; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Shirley and John, brother, Joe Crowder, and grandparents, Laura and Gaylord Hogle.

Some of Denny's favorite times he immensely enjoyed were fishing with his son and grandsons and going to the county fair with them when he went for a visit.

Denny's biggest passion was bowling, something that he and Rox Ann enjoyed together. Denny started bowling as a child and continued in his adult years, participating in many leagues, in Kansas and Virginia. Denny enjoyed participating in numerous bowling tournaments, both locally and nationwide. Every year they bowled in the USBC Open Nationals Championship tournament, usually held in Reno or Las Vegas, Nevada. Denny enjoyed going to Chicago to bowl the Petersen Classic. His bowling accomplishments include 700 (713) series, in 2024, and took first place twice in the Topeka USBC Bowling Association's Open Championship tournaments in 2013 and 2017, for which he was awarded his two jackets. And he was enormously proud that he picked up the "Big Four" split (4-6-7-10). (Rex Haney, you still owe him that patch!) Only a bowler would know the importance of

Rosary will be prayed at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2025, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where visitation will follow until 7 p.m. Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 7, 2025, at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Denny enjoyed life and always had a smile on his face. He loved being around family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands Humane Society, sent in care of the funeral home, due to Denny's love of the many dogs he had throughout his life (Beverly, Barney, Pebbles, Charlie, Carlos, Maddie, Phoebe and Baxter).

Online condolences may be sent to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAR 6. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

MAR 6. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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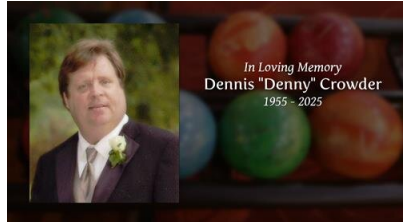
MAR 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis "Denny" Crowder



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - March 04, 2025 at 11:57 AM

LS

“ The best memory I have of Denny is his smile. Anytime I ran into him, he had this awesome smile. I loved the video compilation, I couldn't help but smile. May Denny rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon him, Oh Lord. Please wrap your arms around the family as they grieve. Love you, Roxy! Linda Sloan

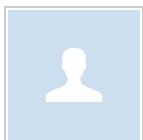
Linda K Sloan - March 06, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" Crowder.



March 06, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis "Denny" Crowder.

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis "Denny" Crowder.

March 06, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ Wendy and Steve Aldrich purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Dennis "Denny" Crowder.



Wendy and Steve Aldrich - March 05, 2025 at 02:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" Crowder.



March 04, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis "Denny" Crowder.

March 04, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Dennis "Denny" Crowder.



March 03, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis "Denny" Crowder.

March 03, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ Connie Lavin & Shirley Young purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis "Denny" Crowder.



Connie Lavin & Shirley Young - March 01, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ Connie Lavin & Shirley Young planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis "Denny" Crowder.

Connie Lavin & Shirley Young - March 01, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ Grandsons, William and Nicholas Crowder purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dennis "Denny" Crowder.



Grandsons, William and Nicholas Crowder - February 28, 2025 at 03:10 PM

GC

“ Grandsons, William and Nicholas Crowder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis "Denny" Crowder.

Grandsons, William and Nicholas Crowder - February 28, 2025 at 03:10 PM

DF

“ Roxy I just seen the obituary about Denny. I am so sorry to hear about this. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Datha Artzer

Datha Artzer/ Friend - February 27, 2025 at 09:53 PM

PP

“ Roxy-didn't know Denny as well as others. Did meet and talk with him when you moved back from DC a few times. So sorry for your loss! God bless him and you and your families!  
Patrick Pfeifer and Pfeiffer family

Patrick Pfeiffer - February 27, 2025 at 11:14 AM

GH

“ Got to know and visit with Denny the last few years. He always loved to talk about bowling. And he could bowl! Am blessed that God allowed our paths to cross while walking thus earth. Praying for strength and comfort for Rox Ann and family. May God bless!

Gary Hamilton - February 26, 2025 at 11:47 PM

KC

“ Kirk Crowder purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dennis "Denny" Crowder.



Kirk Crowder - February 26, 2025 at 01:32 PM

KC

“ Kirk Crowder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis "Denny" Crowder.

Kirk Crowder - February 26, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. I enjoyed bowling Denny and had great respect for his ability to bowl.

Les Watson - February 26, 2025 at 12:49 PM

JF

Sorry to hear about Denny's passing. We did several bowling tournaments with he and Roxanne. Denny was fun to be around and always had an answer for you when you were ahead of him in the tenth frame. RIP.

Jim G Fox - February 26, 2025 at 07:20 PM

RW

Sorry to hear of Dennis' passing. I too had good times with him at the bowling alley. My sympathy to his family. God Bless and RIP.

Roland Whye - February 26, 2025 at 07:49 PM

KF

“ RoxAnn and the Crowder family,

We were so deeply saddened to hear of Denny's passing. It doesn't seem possible. Denny was a true friend and he will be greatly missed. Holding you close in our hearts, Bob & Kim Fellows

Kimberly Fellows - February 26, 2025 at 11:42 AM



K - February 27, 2025 at 02:33 PM



*I wished I would of met up with DC when he reached out*

**K** - January 12 at 12:05 AM

TG

“ *Our dearest Denny, we will miss you so much as we love you so much.*

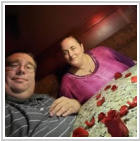
*You have meant the world to myself Tracy, my sister Renee and especially to my brother Marvie Dean.*

*You have a kind sensitive nature. You are a true man who treated us with gentleness and kindness and always helped us when we needed it the most.*

*Thank you cousin Denny for everything. You will be truly missed.*

*Love, Marvie Dean, Renee and Tracy Gardner*

**Tracy Gardner** - February 25, 2025 at 06:12 PM



“ *I've known denny for many years both in the bowling alleys and driving busses. We would always talk when we were at the lanes. I remember him teaming up with my son Ashton a time or two to bowl. He always enjoyed watching my daughter Mak bowl also when she was bowling. He was a one of kind for sure and will be truly missed. The topeka bowling area has lost a good one. See you on the other side my friend.*

**Matthew Millard** - February 25, 2025 at 01:20 PM

TM

“ *Denny and I were roommates for a couple of years. Denny always had a smile on his face and you could count on a good time when you were with Denny.*

*Terry Morrow*

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**terry Morrow** - February 25, 2025 at 10:44 AM