



Edward Haefner

August 25, 1931 - May 20, 2020

Edward John Haefner, 88, Topeka, Kansas, passed away peacefully at his home Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

Ed was born August 25, 1931, to Matthew and Margaret Schiffelbein Haefner in Topeka. He was baptized at St. Joseph Catholic Church, attended Sacred Heart Catholic Grade School and Hayden High School. He served our country in the Army during the Korean War.

At the age of 16, Ed went to work for Santa Fe Railroad and retired with 44 years of service, after which he drove for Ed Bozarth Chevrolet for many years.

On June 1, 1957, Ed and Thelma Taphorn were united in marriage at St. Gregory Catholic Church in Marysville, Kansas, enjoying almost 63 years together.

Ed enjoyed planting his large garden and was known for sharing, especially his tomatoes. He liked to fish and enjoyed woodworking, making many craft items for his family and he helped restore the Cyrus K. Holliday steam engine on display at the Kansas Museum of History.

Grateful to have shared Ed's life are his wife, Thelma; his children, Lori

Gaffney (John), Lisa Underwood (Tom), Mark Haefner (Shelli), Linda Gall (Derek), Matthew Haefner, Lanelle Dinkel (Eric) and Larissa Winchell (Trevor); 18 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Ed was preceded in death by his brothers, Frank and Leo Haefner.

A rosary will be prayed at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where visitation will follow until 7 p.m. Social distance is absolutely required.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at noon Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Masks and social distance are required at the church. Burial with military honors follows at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Sacred Heart-St. Joseph Parish, sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Rosary

MAY 22. 5:30 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

MAY 22. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **23**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
312 NE Freeman Ave
Topeka, KS 66616

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edward Haefner*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - May 22, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ *Edward Haefner*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Extending my prayers and sympathy to the Hefner Family*

Dominic A Gutierrez Sr - June 21, 2020 at 08:29 AM



“ *Thelma and family so sorry for lose will miss seeing him at church. Debbie Padgett Tompkins*

debbie padgett tompkins - May 28, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ *Thelma and family, We are sorry to hear of your loss. I quickly remembered Ed and Thelma dancing at Sacred Heart. He will be missed. The Redd family.*

Nancy Redd - May 25, 2020 at 07:08 PM

SB

“ *Thelma and family:
We're so so to hear about Ed. Know you will all miss him.
He was such a good, caring and fun man!
You are in our prayers.
John & Sally Brooke*

Sally Brooke - May 24, 2020 at 08:31 PM

MS

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. Our condolences to all the family.

Charlotte Konrade Noland and Joe and Michelle Singer.*

Michelle Singer - May 24, 2020 at 04:19 PM

DD

“ *Lisa, deeply sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Kim and my
prayers are with you and your family.

Blessings
Doug and Kim*

Doug Drum - May 23, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Edward Haefner.*



May 22, 2020 at 04:22 PM

ME

“ To the entire Haefner family , my sincerest heart felt sympathy for your loss. Your father was always so kind . He will be missed by many. My prayers for peace in your hearts. May the perpetual light shine upon Ed always, Amen .



Mary Lynn Engroff - May 22, 2020 at 04:15 PM

TC

“ Dear Lori, we are so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. He was a remarkable man, and he raised a wonderful & loving family. It has been a privilege to have know him all these years. He will be missed by so many people, but know that God has a special place picked out for him in Heaven. Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. Love, Tanzey & Allen

Tanzey & Allen Cutter - May 22, 2020 at 03:03 PM

RL

“ *Thelma and family,*
When I saw in today's paper that Ed had passed away, a flood of memories passed through my mind. What good times we had together.
I would like to just drive to Topeka and give you a big hug, but with all the social distancing I can't do that.
Ed was one of Richard's favorite people. As you know, Richard passed away in 2018. Now they can be together in heaven.
Just know that you are loved. I send my deepest sympathy to you and your family.
God bless you all during this difficult time.
Sincerely,
Rosalie Lassiter and family

Rosalie Lassiter - May 22, 2020 at 02:55 PM

BZ

“ Lori, so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Just viewed the video. Wonderful tribute to a life well lived! Cherish all those precious memories and know that my prayers are for all your family as you go through these difficult days. God bless!
Love, Bibiana Zweig

Bibiana Zweig - May 22, 2020 at 02:15 PM

CH

“ We are so sorry to hear about Ed's passing. He was a kind man and a good friend to our Desch family.
Our prayers are with all of you.
Joe and Connie (Desch) Hund

Connie Hund - May 22, 2020 at 12:59 PM

MS

“ Lori, I was sad to hear of you dads passing. Hold the memories close. Sending hugs and prayers.
Mary T Schnellbacher-Decker

Mary T Schnellbacher-Decker - May 22, 2020 at 12:56 PM

JZ

“ Lori, so sad to hear of your Dad's passing. Prayers and condolences go out to you and the rest of the family.

Jerry Ziegler - May 22, 2020 at 10:14 AM

JS

“ Dear Friends, So very sorry to learn of Ed's passing. Through all our school years and since, I can recall your Ed there as support for you and our church and school communities. We send our deepest sympathies and prayers.

John and Lori Spain - May 22, 2020 at 07:25 AM

RS

“ To all the Haefner family,
My condolences on the loss of Mr. Haefner. He was always
supportive and enjoyable to visit with.
God Bless ,

Rick Strecker - May 22, 2020 at 01:41 AM

DM

“ Dear Aunt Thelma and family
So sorry for your loss our family is praying for
you.



Dan and Gerry Lou Marstall - May 21, 2020 at 08:17 PM