



## Edwin Gabel

April 18, 1933 - October 26, 2006

Edwin Paul “Red” Gabel, 73, was released from his health challenges on Thursday, October 26, 2006, surrounded by his family. The fifth of six children, Ed was born on April 18, 1933 in Ness City, Kansas to Sebastian Paul and Rose Rohr Gabel. He moved with his family to Topeka in 1935. Ed graduated from Hayden High School in 1952, where he lettered in football four years, was named to the All Jayhawk League four years and the All State Football Team in 1950-51. Ed served in the US Navy from 1952-56, aboard the USS Shangri-La during the Korean War. Following his honorary discharge, he returned to Topeka and owned and operated the Oasis Bar & Grill. He worked for Hygienic Dry Cleaners prior to and during high school, returning in 1958. From 1971-85, he worked for Alexander Bros. Baking Company (Butter Krust), first as a route salesman and later as a route supervisor. Ed and his wife, Mary Ann, also owned and operated Gabel’s Liquor from 1970-76 and Production Sales of Kansas from 1985-present, as well as Gabel’s Rentals. Ed was a Past Governor of the Topeka Moose Lodge. He is a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Church. He had been a Fourth Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus #534; and the American Legion and the VFW. Ed married Mary Ann Redman on January 26, 1967. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Mary Lou Gabel; brother, Wilfred V. Gabel; and grandsons, Timothy L. Gabel and Briar-Thomas Gabel. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Gabel; daughters Rose Mary Isaac, Port Clinton, OH and Angela R. Gabel, Topeka; sons Daniel J., Thomas E., and Joseph S., all of Topeka; 15 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Lawrence J. Gabel, Irving, TX and Robert J. Gabel, Plano, TX; and two sisters, Esther Moulder, Branson, MO, and Mary Jane Wieggers, Marysville, KS. Ed was a “surrogate” father and brother to many over his lifetime. Visitation will be on Sunday from 3-5 at Most Pure Heart of Mary where a parish prayer service will be held at 4 pm. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at MPH on Monday at 11 a.m., followed by interment at Mount Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Most Pure Heart of Mary Church and Helping Hands Humane Society, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

# Tribute Wall



“ Edwin Gabel

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

EG

“ TO:All of Ed's family

*Please know that all of you have our sympathy & condolences in Ed's loss.*

*BILL, NORMA,MIKE & NANCY FALK*

EDWIN P. GABEL - October 31, 2006 at 02:44 PM

TG

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I only met Ed a year ago, but I really enjoyed the time he spent pheasant hunting with us. I was looking forward to seeing him again in a few weeks. He truly was a "character" and I'm glad I got to meet him while he was here.*

Todd Gabel - October 30, 2006 at 08:01 AM

JA

“ *ED GABEL FAMILY; We are very sorry to learn of your loss of a loved one. Ed was a good friend for many years, as we worked together and had good times. Mary Ann, you and your family have our deepest sympathy. We are unable to attend due to an appointment for wife's knee surgery pre-meeting mon a.m. Ed will also be missed at do-nut shop. JIM*

Jim & Shirley Allen - October 29, 2006 at 10:14 PM

MB

“ *My condolences to The Gabel Family. Ed was always a joy and always funny when he delivered bread to Eakes-Steinbock Thriftway - we always made sure that he had a fresh towel..I remember Vince Steinbock chopping the tips of his brown gloves off.....Peace Be You....*

Michael Browne - October 29, 2006 at 05:09 PM

BF

“ I went to school with Ed, he was two years behind me. I was in the same class with his brother Bob.

I vividly remember his exploits in football at Hayden, he was a fierce competitor, and always played by the rules. I will miss him.

My condolences to the family.

*Bill Fitzgibbons*

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**Bill Fitzgibbons** - October 29, 2006 at 09:28 AM