



Elmer A. Kuhn

June 21, 1923 - May 1, 2008

Our beloved husband, father, and Grandpa, Elmer Aloysius Kuhn, died Thursday, May 1, 2008 at Stormont Vail Hospital. He was born June 21, 1923 in Park, KS, the son of Michael P. and Katharine Braun Kuhn, and was the seventh of ten children. His family moved to Topeka when he was about five years of age. He married Edith Clarene Fowler on September 11, 1944. They met when 17 years old on Scotland Ave. where their families lived only a few houses apart. After their daughters were born they moved back to that same block, first renting and eventually buying a home close to those where they were reared. Elmer's first job was delivering sample packages of Rice Krispies at the age of 8. He worked at Helzburgs as a salesman and watch repairman. His career in woodworking began at Whelan Lumber Company, where he learned cabinet making and became a skilled craftsman. After 20 years at Whelan's he founded Midwest Millwork, and worked with his sons for 15 years. Following his retirement he worked with his sons, and grandson, Scott at Shawnee Woodwork. He looked forward to the start of each day at work with Jim until early this year. As a high school junior and senior he was the starting pitcher for an American Legion ball team. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed sharing his vegetables with family and friends. With his wife he traveled the western states always marveling at the scenery and wildlife. He was a devoted husband and father and especially delighted in his grandchildren. He was a faithful and ardent member of Sacred Heart Church for nearly 80 years. In addition to his wife he is survived by his daughters:

Karen E. Zeller, Arkansas City, KS, and Anne Kuhn, Lawrence, KS; sons: Michael S. Kuhn and James D. Kuhn, both of Topeka, KS; granddaughter Sarah E. Swantner of Boise, ID, grandsons: Scott M. Kuhn of Eden Prairie, MN, and Paul V. Kuhn of Fort Worth, TX, step-granddaughter Michelle Gleason and her daughters Samantha and Mya of Surprise, AZ; sisters: Louise Barrett of Denver, CO, and Wilma Chaffin of Wichita, KS; sister-in-law, Barbara Kuhn, Denver, CO, and many nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his parents, brothers Edmund, Herbert, Paul, and Donald, and his sisters Loretta Bergeron, Eleanor Carson, and Leone Lizenbery. Visitation will be 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 312 NE Freeman, Topeka, KS 66616, where a parish rosary will be prayed at 6:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 5, 2008 at the church. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Church or Midland Hospice sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka, KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Elmer A. Kuhn*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Anne,*

Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your father. May all the wonderful memories you have of your father help you through this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you and your family.

Cathy Bledsoe (Pat's sister)

Cathy Bledsoe - May 09, 2008 at 03:21 PM



“ *Anne and Family,*

Your father must have been such a special and loving man to have instilled the deep values that you live. Your caring for my parents, your compassion for animals, and your love of nature must emanate from values that you learned from strong and caring parents. I'm very saddened at the loss that you and your family are experiencing now. My family's prayers and best wishes are with you now. Bill Stanley

Bill Stanley - May 05, 2008 at 06:30 PM

TK

“ Dear Paul and Jamie,
Please accept our deep sympathy for the loss of your granddad. We remember meeting him at the Tinsley house when the two of you got engaged. Please know we will be praying for your entire family to have the Lord's comfort as only He can give. God's blessings and love be with you.
Love. Uncle Mike, Aunt Cathie and your cousins, Rachel, Bethany ,
Adrienne and Jess

To Paul and Jamie Kuhn - May 03, 2008 at 10:23 PM

TF

“ Karen,
We are truly sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family.
Stephanie, Jennifer and Peggy

The Foust Family - May 03, 2008 at 02:47 PM

BV

“ We are sending our thoughts and prayers to your family. We love you! Even though we can't be there in body, we will be thinking of you on Sunday and Monday.

God Bless-
Becky and John

Becky Buchanan and John Vannicola - May 03, 2008 at 02:02 PM

DM

“ To the wonderful family of Elmer, I wish to send my sincere sympathy, prayers and love. My heart is with you as I know what a terrific loss you shared during this sad time and my fond memories are bubbling here in my heart as I observed the great bookcase he made me and Edith gave to me way before I was married and my Aunt Ruth Beach who lived behind Elmer and Edith housed the bookcase for me until I was married and had space for the nice book case. It still sits in my living room today.

*Elmer was a wonderful man.
Love and Prayers,
Dorothy Masters
Harveyville*

Dorothy M Masters - May 02, 2008 at 09:21 AM

PA

“ Thought I only knew Elmer for a short time (I helped take care of him at Rolling Hills) he will be missed my last conversation with him saturday he was ready to get a move on an go home he wanted that so bad he told me how much he wanted to live that his dr said he had many years to go an when I came back to work finding what happen it was heart breaking ..He was a great man very loving an caring an sweet ...My thoughts are with the family an prayers
Paula

Paula - May 02, 2008 at 09:14 AM

MF

“ To The Kuhn Family - We are sorry to hear about Elmer. I remember his smiling face when he and Edith would come into Eakes-Steinbock Thriftway. My Uncle Dave (Browne) always said that Elmer was a very good neighbor. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike, Laura Browne and Family - May 01, 2008 at 11:07 PM