



Eric Pufahl

November 25, 1954 - February 20, 2019

Eric Pufahl, 64, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at his home.

Eric was born on November 25, 1954, the son of Garold and Anna Evers Pufahl. Eric had five children, Shannon Pufahl (Shay), Valerie Pufahl, Brad Griffith (Tana), Lindsey Jackson (Jason), Blake Kutzke and Megan. His favorite part of the family were his grandchildren. Eric was "Papa" to Jordan Jackson, Jayden Jackson, Wesley Griffith and Grover Kutzke. They loved him and he was crazy about them. The number one spot went to his wife, Gina Parry-Pufahl. Eric is also survived by his siblings Jerry, Linda and Darrell. He was preceded in death by his parents; numerous aunts and uncles; nephew Jared Pufahl; and brother-in-law John Grame.

Eric lived most of his life on the family farmstead and spent his younger years taking care of the farm animals. He was a graduate of Shawnee Heights High School. He also helped his uncle farm during the summer months while he was in school.

Eric joined the family business, Pufahl Excavating, with his dad and they worked together many years until 1979, when his parents retired. He purchased the business and ran it until he had to retire in 2016 due to his health. Eric enjoyed his work and the hundreds of customers he worked for. He knew most of the builders in town and was lucky enough to be able to pick which builders he wanted to work for.

Eric loved coaching fast pitch softball with his girls and his first love was playing baseball. Eric played baseball from age 5 until he was 18 and from age 41 to 48 in the over 30 baseball league.

Eric and Gina enjoyed traveling and most of the time they traveled with his in-laws, Col. Dennis (ret) and Pam Parry. He also enjoyed gardening. One thing we know for sure is the world is a better place because he was in it. Eric fought multiple myeloma valiantly for three years.

Memorial service will be 2 p.m. Sunday, February 24, 2019, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, with visitation one hour prior. Private inurnment will occur at a later date in Mission Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Helping Hands Humane Society, because of his love of dogs, or the American Cancer Society, sent in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
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Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eric Pufahl*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - February 22, 2019 at 05:15 PM



“ *Eric Pufahl*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *We send our thought and prayers. Eric was truly a nice person and always a joy to talk to.*

The Kerley's

Kevin Kerley - February 25, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Pufahl family. I met Eric in 2003 when he did the excavation work for our new home, I remember thinking really nice guy while my wife thought movie star blue eyes. He dug up some stone during the basement excavation and asked what I want to do with it, I said whatever you think, so he built a much needed retaining walls and a couple of flower beds. The few times I saw Eric over the years, including recently at the cancer center, I reminded him of that and thank him for his great work.*

David Carr

David Carr - February 25, 2019 at 08:29 AM

CH

“ Gina and the entire Pufahl family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I ran into Eric at Kwik Shop, not long after you had moved to the SW side of town. We visited for quite awhile, about his illness, family, all kinda of things. He was one of a kind, the best kind. I know how much love you had for him and he for you. Please know you are in my thoughts and this very difficult time.

Courtney Higgins - February 24, 2019 at 01:12 PM

RC

“ Eric was the best first baseman I've ever played with. The best excavator I've ever worked with. But more than anything else, Eric was one of the finest human beings I've ever met. Rest In Peace my friend. Gina, our prayers are with you and your family. Rod, Susan, Shelby, and Tyler Chilson

Rod Chilson - February 23, 2019 at 09:04 PM

FR

“ My condolences to Gina, Eric's children and all of his family. Eric's passing leaves a great void that can, with time, be filled with wonderful memories of a life well lived. He inspires us all to be patient and calm in the face of adversity, to be fair, generous and courteous to everyone and to always keep room in our heart for kindness and compassion. Eric always reminded me of those days from long ago when you could make a deal with no more than a smile and a handshake. Thank you Eric. You will always occupy a special place in my heart.

Frank Ross

Frank Ross - February 23, 2019 at 03:50 PM

RH

“ Condolences to the Pufahl family, he will be greatly missed in the Berryton community.

Rose Ann Hladky - February 23, 2019 at 11:00 AM

PP

“ He was the son I never had. I can't believe I won't see him again. It's not fair. A kinder soul you will never meet. We are really struggling with losing him. He and my husband were such good buddies. He wasn't worried about his cancer he was worried about my husbands! We will miss him like no other. He was not only our son in law but the best thing that ever happened to my daughter. We will miss his kind gentle soul. We will have the memories . Until we meet again Eric.

Loving you forever, Pam & Dennis

Pam Parry - February 23, 2019 at 10:23 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Eric Pufahl.*



February 23, 2019 at 09:54 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eric Pufahl.*



February 23, 2019 at 03:19 AM

BD

“ *Our family has known Eric since the girls were playing softball. Shannon and Val played with our girls and we always enjoyed the time spent with Eric and his family. He was always kind, very encouraging to all the girls on the ball teams, and a great supporter for them all. We never heard Eric say anything negative about anyone. He was a man of integrity and we are proud to have known him and called him our friend. Our deepest sympathies to all of his family, those that knew him and loved him well. We will miss that genuine smile and warm hug we always shared.*

Buch and Vicki Haverkamp and daughters - February 22, 2019 at 11:11 PM

T&

“ *The Hansen Bruneel Family (Leshia, Matt, &Eleanor) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eric Pufahl.*



The Hansen Bruneel Family (Leshia, Matt, &Eleanor) - February 22, 2019 at 02:10 PM

LH

“ I am so lucky to have so many fond memories of Eric from my childhood. He was always so kind and patient. I'll never forget him visiting our house when I was a little kid in his big excavation truck; he looked so cool. I loved getting to play with all the animals at his farm especially the dogs who were so friendly. He always had to most fun birthday parties filled with so much joy and so many great people. I know that he had such a positive impact on so many lives. I will always remember him as a steadfast and caring person. -Leshia Hansen (Eric's great niece)

Leshia Hansen - February 22, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ Gina, Sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Mary

Mary Roper - February 22, 2019 at 09:54 AM

JP

“ Dear Linda, Jerry,, & Darrell,
I was so sorry to read of the loss of your brother Eric. He sounded like a really fine man. I only remember him as a little brother. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Judi Allen Prestridge

Judi Allen Prestridge - February 21, 2019 at 08:38 PM

DB

“ MY LATE HUSBAND, ZANE, AND ERIC PLAYED MANY CHURCH SOFTBALL GAMES AND ENJOYED THE FRIENDSHIP AND FAMILY FUN. SENDING PRAYERS TO ERIC'S FAMILY-WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU. YOU COULD NEVER FIND A FRIENDLIER AND MORE CARING MAN THAN ERIC.
DOLLY BROWN AND FAMILY

DOLLY BROWN - February 21, 2019 at 04:07 PM

RK

“ To have known Eric was a Blessing. Many fond memories of Eric and the Pulfahl family. It is my prayer that God Bless his family with peace and comfort. Numbers 6:24-26 Rick and Cheri Kuebler

Rick Kuebler - February 21, 2019 at 02:56 PM

DS

“ Eric was a "GOOD OLE' BOY" Our families go back to the 1950s. Our parents were life long friends thru St. Paul's. He and my family (kids) spent many a holiday together. Many trips such as to Branson, K.C., Rock Springs, picnics at the lake, etc.-- so many memories.....He and I worked side by side at St. Paul's. We bowled on Monday nights, played volleyball, basketball, softball, etc. He always had a smile and was cordial to all. He helped us out in our new home back in the '70s on numerous projects. He was "godfather" to our son Jeff. May the entire Pufahl family take comfort in the fact that his suffering is over and He is now in a better place. God's Love to all.
Don & Gail Sloyer .

Don Sloyer - February 21, 2019 at 01:42 PM

SS

“ What a sweet and gentle man. Always smiling and eager to help everyone in his path. The world is broken hearted and will truly miss him. Sandra Summers

Sandra Summers - February 21, 2019 at 12:25 PM

JM

“ Gina, I am so sorry for your loss. You and family are in our thoughts and prayers. I cannot imagine what you must be going through. Thinking of you.

Julie Grochowsky McDowell

Julie McDowell - February 21, 2019 at 12:09 PM

TD

“ I always loved working out with Eric while at SHHS. We both did the Field Events in Track and he was always so intense. Maybe it was his soft spoken voice, but he was always so nice and helpful to me. Like all of the Pufahls, such good people. God Bless Eric and his family! Tom Dinkel

Tom Dinkel - February 21, 2019 at 11:53 AM

GK

“ Eric told us several years ago that his first basement that he dug was ours in Berryton when he was 18. We have been in the same house for 46 years . He dug our pond and moved several loads of gravel for our driveway.Eric was always such a gentleman and very professional in his work. The Pufahl family has been very influential in our area for many years and Eric will be greatly missed and remembered forever.Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.Gary Koeppen Berryton .

Gary Koeppen - February 21, 2019 at 10:13 AM

SB

“ Gina I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sue Banks - February 21, 2019 at 08:38 AM

RC

“ Gina, so sorry for your loss. eric was such a nice guy. Always enjoyed talking to him when we were on same job site. Randy and Connie Collins

randall a collins - February 21, 2019 at 08:21 AM

DP

“ Tom and I are very saddened to hear about Eric. Tom's love for Eric began over 60 years ago, when they were old enough to meet each other. Eric was in our wedding, and our kids have known him since youngsters! He was a loving family member, friend and set an example of kindness, caring and love. I will miss his laugh, smile and approach to life!

Debby Pufahl - February 20, 2019 at 11:27 PM