



## Gary Lee Olberding

February 9, 1954 - May 16, 2017

Gary Lee Olberding, 63, Lawrence, passed away May 16, 2017.

Gary was born February 9, 1954, in Seneca, Kansas, the son of Emmett and Alice Bennett Olberding. He graduated from Nemaha Valley High School in 1972. Gary married Sandy Hermesch in Seneca, Kansas on May 1, 1976. Gary and Sandy owned Pit Pass Liquor Store in Topeka for the last ten years. He was an avid auto sports fan and loved cars in general. Gary loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Gary is survived by his wife, Sandy; children, Lindsay Olberding of Basehor, and Kyle Olberding (Ashley) of Leawood; grandchildren, Peyton, Paxton, Piper, and Bennett; and brother, Rick Olberding (Deb) of Seneca. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother, Joseph.

Parish rosary will be prayed at 5 p.m. Thursday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, with visitation to follow until 7 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 6001 Bob Billings Parkway, Lawrence KS 66049. Burial to follow in Oak Hill Cemetery in Lawrence, Kansas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Corpus Christi Catholic Church Building Fund in Lawrence, Kansas, or St. Bede's Catholic Church Building Fund in Kelly, Kansas, sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

1605 Oak Hill Avenue  
Lawrence, KS 66044

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAY 18. 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

MAY 18. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

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MAY **19**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church  
6001 Bob Billings Parkway  
Lawrence, KS 66049

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Lee Olberding

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Christine Criswell-joy lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Olberding



christine criswell-joy - May 27, 2017 at 07:10 PM



“ Oh I am so sad about Gary's passing....he was always so nice to me till we became closer friends then he would just make jokes at me. I always look forward to seeing him and hearing his hilarious comebacks to my attempt to "poke the bear" as he called it. ....I will miss him and love him forever....christine criswell-joy & terry e joy

christine criswell-joy - May 27, 2017 at 07:09 PM



“ Gary was a client and a friend. I was shocked to hear of his passing. I will miss visiting with him at the store. He was a standup guy with a great sense of humor. He always wore a smile and brightened my days. My heart aches for his entire family at his loss. My prayers and condolences to Sandy, Kyle, Lindsey, and all his wonderful grandchildren. He spoke of all of you often with love and pride.

Gary, you will be sorely missed.

Cheryl Kuhn - May 27, 2017 at 07:42 AM

RP

“ Sandy, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Always enjoyed all the good and funny stories we shared with Gary at the store. He will be missed.

*Rita and Larry Pfannenstiel*



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**Rita Pfannenstiel** - May 24, 2017 at 08:10 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Olberding.



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May 24, 2017 at 07:06 AM

GS

“ Sandy - We were so sorry to hear of Gary's death. His loss must be unimaginable for your family. We are praying for all of you, that you get through this sorrowful time with God's help. Dave and Gail Schmitz

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**Gail Schmitz** - May 22, 2017 at 05:47 PM

EM

“ Sandy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed our visits with Gary and Rick when they would come to Iowa, or us to Kansas. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy, Elaine (Olberding) Miller

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**Elaine M Miller** - May 20, 2017 at 03:02 PM

KO

“ So sorry to hear this.. Gary was a great co-worker and even better friend.. We really enjoyed our automotive activities the best... Thoughts are with you Sandy and the Olberidng family... RIP Gary, my friend...

*Kevin Ottlinger*

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**Kevin Ottlinger** - May 19, 2017 at 01:20 PM

NF

“ Gary was a supervisor during my stint at Volume Shoe. He was someone you confide in and knew he was someone to go to for about anything. I have thought of him often and wondered his whereabouts. My sincere sympathy to the family. Not the way one likes to "catch up". My prayers are with you...

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**Norman F.** - May 19, 2017 at 12:53 PM



“ Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Olberding.



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May 19, 2017 at 09:59 AM

CW

“ Such a stand up man and great friend we all lost. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of loss. Crystal Weaver and Kenny Parrent

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**Crystal Weaver** - May 19, 2017 at 08:39 AM

TC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God give you strength during this difficult time.*

*Tamelia Capurs-Culliver*

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**Tamelia Culliver** - May 19, 2017 at 08:39 AM

DA

*There are no words to express the loss of loved one taken so suddenly from us. Gary we will miss you, your smiles, your laughter, your life being in ours. Till I see you again, I will carry you in my mind, heart and memories.*

*Love, Tony Jennings &  
Denice Artzer*

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**Denice Artzer** - May 19, 2017 at 11:25 AM

GL

“ *Sandy and family, such a shock to hear about Gary. Our thoughts and prayers are coming your way. Thinking of all of you at this time.*  
*Lynn & Gal Lierz*



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**GAil Lierz** - May 18, 2017 at 10:32 PM

DG

“ *Sandy and Family- So sorry to hear of your loss. Thoughts and prayers go out to all. May the healing come quickly.*  
*RIP Gary*  
*Dennis Gleason*

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**Dennis Gleason** - May 18, 2017 at 05:49 PM

AR

“ Sandy-Your South Texas area USF Family sends you our condolences. We are deeply saddened to hear of your loss. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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**Angela Rotondi** - May 18, 2017 at 05:02 PM

DA

“ Prayers to you and your family, Gary was a great guy and will be missed by many

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**Dustin Anstaett** - May 18, 2017 at 04:58 PM

JL

“ To the Oberdling Family, please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Gary was such a good man and wanted to help others in any way he could. For us he personally touched our hearts when he helped our fundraising events for the SIDS Network of Kansas. Gary helped contribute to us bring home the team trophy in memory of our son Anthony. We couldn't have done it without you. It's people like Gary who can never be replaced. God bless you Gary and may you Rest In Peace. We will be forever grateful. ❤️  
Jason and Alicia Ortiz Lilly and kids

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**Jason and Alicia Ortiz Lilly** - May 18, 2017 at 04:33 PM

VW

“ Sandy,  
  
My prayers are with you and your family. I am very sorry for your loss.

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**Victoria Wilhite** - May 18, 2017 at 03:38 PM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Olberding.*



May 18, 2017 at 03:30 PM



“ *Deborah Llewellyn lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Olberding*



Deborah Llewellyn - May 18, 2017 at 03:04 PM



“ *Save on Seafood Staff purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Gary Lee Olberding.*



Save on Seafood Staff - May 18, 2017 at 01:57 PM



“ *Sandy, my prayers and condolences are with you and your family.*



Brenda - May 18, 2017 at 01:02 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Olberding.



May 18, 2017 at 12:50 PM



Deanna Coats

“ Sandy I am so saddened to hear of Gary's passing. I always enjoyed visiting with him in the liquor store. May he RIP.

Deanna Coats - May 18, 2017 at 12:16 PM



SM

“ I always enjoyed working for Gary during the Payless years. My condolences to his family. RIP Gary...you will be missed. - Shane Mulroy

Shane Mulroy - May 18, 2017 at 11:09 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Olberding.



May 18, 2017 at 10:57 AM



“ *Sandy, my prayers are with you and the family. I enjoyed working with Gary. I was saddened to hear this news. - Alora Hutcheson Mayer*

Alora Hutcheson-Mayer - May 18, 2017 at 09:52 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Olberding.*



May 18, 2017 at 09:52 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Olberding.*



May 18, 2017 at 09:41 AM



“ *Your Team Drive-Away Family and Friends purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Lee Olberding.*



Your Team Drive-Away Family and Friends - May 18, 2017 at 09:36 AM

BE

“ So many memories growing up, can't believe life can be cut so short. Still in shock over this very sad news. Sandy you and your family are in our prayers. Can't imagine the grief, know he was loved by so many and will be sorely missed.

Bonnie Enneking - May 18, 2017 at 09:35 AM

TT

“ THE CHEF'SSTORE TEAM purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gary Lee Olberding.



THE CHEF'SSTORE TEAM - May 18, 2017 at 09:34 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Olberding.



May 18, 2017 at 09:29 AM



“ Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Olberding.



May 18, 2017 at 09:06 AM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Olberding.*



May 18, 2017 at 08:54 AM



“ *We send our sincere sympathy to all of Gary's family! Gary was always so pleasant and kind. May God give you peace and comfort!*  
❤️ *BRUCE & Margaret Schulte*

Margaret - May 18, 2017 at 08:08 AM



“ *I am without words to express my sadness. Really going to miss you my friend.*



Lisa Elliott - May 18, 2017 at 08:02 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Olberding.*



May 18, 2017 at 07:18 AM

LL

“ Sandy, I'm so sorry! Prayers go up to you and your family!

Linda Lada - May 18, 2017 at 07:05 AM

CS

“ Cheryl Sayles lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Olberding



Cheryl Sayles - May 18, 2017 at 06:39 AM

AM

“ RIP Gary. I am still in complete shock. Gone way to soon. I will miss seeing you come into Dillon's everyday to get your salad for lunch. You were always smiling and joking around. You will be missed by so many people. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Amber - May 18, 2017 at 06:34 AM

LL

“ Sandy, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are so sorry for your loss. Tom & Lex

Lex Luckeroth - May 18, 2017 at 06:16 AM

SB

“ When I heard this was totally shocked. So sorry for the loss of you brother Rick. It was way too soon for Gary to leave. My prayers are with you and your family.

steve bennett - May 18, 2017 at 06:06 AM

DS

“ Such a shock to hear of Gary's passing. He was a great guy and a lifelong friend. He will be missed. Sandy, our sympathies and prayers to you, your children and grandchildren. Dan & Sharon Haverkamp

Dan & Sharon - May 17, 2017 at 09:55 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Lee Olberding.



May 17, 2017 at 09:55 PM



“ Prayers for the family. Gary was supervisor at Payless Shoe Source he was one of the good ones. Enjoyed running into him at the liquor store. I would love to pay my respects to this man and his family but regretfully will be out of the state at the time. RIP Gary

Candy Hiebert

Candy Hiebert - May 17, 2017 at 09:52 PM

RW

“ Gary was one of my supervisors at Payless shoes when I worked there. Gary was a great guy and a wonderful supervisor he will be sadly missed

rich wilson - May 17, 2017 at 09:19 PM

BS

“ *BILL& judy stovall purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Lee Olberding.*



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**BILL& judy stovall** - May 17, 2017 at 05:38 PM

JM

“ *Judy Massey lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Olberding*



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**Judy Massey** - May 17, 2017 at 05:24 PM

JM

*Sandy, My thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family, Gary was a terrific guy never seen him without a smile, he will be truly missed.*

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**Judy Massey** - May 18, 2017 at 07:31 AM



Chrys Engelke

*Sandy, we are so sorry for your loss, keeping you and your family in our prayers. God's peace be with you. Chrys and Duane Engelke*

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**Chrys Engelke** - May 18, 2017 at 08:16 AM

VM

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (Romans 15:13)*

*Gary was a dear friend and we were blessed to have known him. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Steve and Vicky Massey*

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**Vicky Massey** - May 18, 2017 at 09:08 AM

SL

*I think everyone is still in shock. I can't believe that our wonderful friend is gone. He was kind and generous to a fault. God must have needed him more than us. Our prayers are with you and your kids and grandkids. I know how much Gary loved his family. Bob and Sandy Lilly*

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**Sandy Lilly** - May 18, 2017 at 01:49 PM

JS

*There will be an emptiness in all of our hearts at Post 400 where he was loved for his smile, his willingness to help others his wit and just talking NASCAR. You will be missed dear friend. our condolence to Sandy and family.*

*Jim & Jan Shaw*

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**Jim Shaw** - May 18, 2017 at 03:13 PM

CK

*We got to know Gary through our close friend Darrell Revell. I know Darrell has taken Gary under his wing. We are going to miss seeing Gary and will be thinking of the family at this difficult time.*

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**Carrie Kelly** - May 23, 2017 at 01:06 PM