



## George "Steve" Murray

January 24, 1945 - August 18, 2024

George "Steve" Murray was always early, never late. The son of a man who brought BBQ, live music, and the first TV to his family owned bar in Topeka. Steve attended Topeka High School and graduated in 1964. He was the manager of the Dickinson Theater in Topeka and a boss on the Kaw Valley Drag Strip. Steve took a lot of pride in his powerful '57 Olds. He met his wife Patty in 1965, they were married and started a family soon after. In their teens they would stay up all night winning dance competitions and have continued to dance throughout the years. In 1966, an F5 tornado tried to take down this former boxer and tore apart the brick building he was in, but Steve survived by holding tight to the drive shaft of a delivery truck. He had four children with the love of his life Patty, and their relationship spanned over 70 years. Steve was proud to say that he and Patty had been married for almost 60 years. Their love was a story for the books. He was a family man, what he most looked forward to in life was spending time with his family. Steve was honest to a fault and full of heart. He taught his children, family values and a vast appreciation for music. He really loved classic country and old rock n roll. Some of his favorites artists were Roy Orbison, George Jones and one of his all time favorite songs was American Pie, the extended version. Steve also had a love for trains, you could find him watching videos of steam trains in his down time. He loved the sound of the engine and the scenery of the tracks around the world. Steve coached baseball and softball teams in the late 70's and early 80's and he won a sportsmanship award for his great leadership. He applied

his outstanding leadership skills to being a Union Steward, which he was very proud of. Steve believed in Safety First, had his children wearing seatbelts before they were mandatory and served on the safety committee at work. He volunteered many years for Junior Achievement and encouraged his children to participate. Steve would give anyone the shirt off his back. If he had a dollar, he always gave his family at least .90 cents. He worked 80 hours a week at DuPont for many years of his life and never complained. Steve wanted to further his education and decided to attend college later in life, he and his family were very proud of his achievements. He retired from Flexel after 37 years and then worked another 10 years putting a smile on people's faces at the Brookwood Dillons . Anyone fortunate enough to know our dad knows his unselfishness, humor, and kindness.

Steve is survived by his wife, Patty Murray; children, Steve (Sivi) Murray, Pam (Dennis) Brown and Brad (Kim) Murray; grandchildren, Tiffany (Justin) Kochan, Jessica (Benton) Ellsworth, Kelby (Jessica) Murray, Parker Murray, Kelsey Murray, Sidney Murray; and great-grandchildren, Presley, Lillian, Teddy, Pensley, Isaac, and Parklynn. Steve was preceded in death by his parents, George and Alice Murray, his beloved daughter, Stacie Tuell and most recently his sister, Marlene Campbell.

Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where funeral service will be at 12 p.m. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home (to defray expenses).

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



# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

MW

“ Steve was a kind and gentle man and a great neighbor. He will be greatly missed.

Marty Williams - September 04, 2024 at 04:18 PM

SC

“ Sue Courtney purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of George "Steve" Murray.



Sue Courtney - August 25, 2024 at 10:58 AM

PT

“ Patty I never would have thought the night we all played bingo that such a tragedy would or could happen on your way home. I still remember 50 years ago when we all went to the street dance. Such a great time we had until it started pouring down rain. Then the unthinkable happened with the Johnnie on the job. I want you to know you have been in my thoughts and prayers daily. I look forward to seeing you again at bingo and the casino later on in the future. Please tell your entire family I'm sending my prayers.

Patty Thornburg - August 24, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of George "Steve" Murray.



August 24, 2024 at 05:10 PM

PE

“ All of us DuPont Retirees have many happy memories of Stevie. It was so good to see him recently at the DuPont Luncheon at Perkins. Stevie was a dedicated employee and took his job seriously. Stevie always loved to see his old friends and co-workers from DuPont. He will be missed. Our love goes out to Patty and family. To say we are all shocked is putting it lightly!

*Paula Hladky & Willard Epling*

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**Paula Hladky and Willard Epling** - August 24, 2024 at 03:47 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of George "Steve" Murray.



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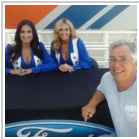
August 24, 2024 at 01:40 PM

CB

“ Patty, I'm so sorry to find Steve's beautiful story on our THS, Class of 64, website, today. Whenever I saw you, together, his devotion to you was total. May his memory comfort you and your Family, now and always. You're in my prayers.

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**Chrystal Brim** - August 24, 2024 at 11:49 AM



“ Thought and prayer with your family sorry for your loss.

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**Kevin Ratekin** - August 24, 2024 at 01:03 AM