



Gerald Counter

February 20, 1949 - June 13, 2022

Gerald Lee Counter, 73, of Topeka, died on Monday, June 13, 2022. Jerry was born February 20, 1949, in Topeka to Harlan and Billie Yarber Counter. He graduated from Highland Park High School in 1967 and earned his Bachelor's degree in business from Washburn University. After working for the State of Kansas for a few years, he spent the vast majority of his career selling commercial & fine paper products for Mid-Continent Paper/Unisource. After retirement, he sold cars in Salina at Conklin and in Topeka at Ed Bozarth and Cable Dahmer.

Jerry married Mary Francis on April 12, 1975. They had two children—Kate and Ben, who they raised in Salina. Jerry had his private pilot's license and loved to fly. He was an accomplished guitar player, performing with a number of Topeka-area groups throughout his teens and twenties. Traveling was a favorite past-time. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts and business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi. Jerry was a huge KU Jayhawk basketball fan, and enthusiastically cheered on the Kansas City Royals and the Kansas City Chiefs with his wife, Joyce Walters Merryman, whom he married on May 28, 2016.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Joyce, of the home; children, Kate Counter of Centennial, Colorado and Ben Counter (Maggie Heatherman) of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; sister, Deborah Ferrell (David) of Mayetta; brother, Randy

Counter (Sally) of Shawnee; stepsons, John Merryman (Amanda) and Jeff Merryman, both of Topeka; nine grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and younger brother, David.

Visitation will be 9:30 to 11 a.m. Monday, June 27, 2022, in the chapel at Mount Hope Cemetery, 4700 SW 17th St, Topeka, KS 66604, with celebration of Jerry's life at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice, and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald Counter*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - June 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *Gerald Counter*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I knew Jerry from the Sunday evening AA meeting; he was always friendly, positive and interested in others. The cookies or brownies he brought to the meeting were generously shared. His presence will be missed.*

Judy Gilliland

Judy Gilliland - July 01, 2022 at 08:16 PM

DM

“ Jerry's departure leaves a hole in life for those of us who knew him. He was a presence that lived life to the fullest. His humor, friendship, compassion and genuine interest in family and friends was a rare commodity that leaves the world a little less. He did leave a load of great memories for all of us to dwell upon and will always evoke a smile. Thanks Jerry.

Doug Marr - June 29, 2022 at 08:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald Counter.



June 27, 2022 at 11:13 AM

RJ

“ My condolences to Jerry's family and friends. While I had met Jerry as a driver for Bozarth back in '16 I came to know him much better as a driver in the concierge service that started in January. I really liked Jerry, we had a lot of the same likes and dislikes. He was knowledgeable in many areas and was a pleasure to be around. His sincerity was apparent and I can see why he had a very successful career in sales. Although we got to know each other for a brief while, I miss him very much.
Roger Johnson

Roger Johnson - June 27, 2022 at 10:31 AM

YS

“ *Your Cousins, The Hilleberts & Sudacs purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gerald Counter.*



Your Cousins, The Hilleberts & Sudacs - June 23, 2022 at 06:51 PM

AS

“ *Aunt Pat, Scott, Heidi, Reagan & Sydney purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerald Counter.*



Aunt Pat, Scott, Heidi, Reagan & Sydney - June 23, 2022 at 06:38 PM

RT

“ *Joyce, we send our condolences. May wonderful memories carry you through.*

Ron & Chris Torrence - June 21, 2022 at 10:02 AM

DA

“ *Joyce,
I am so very sorry to hear the news about Jerry. I am thinking of you with sympathy, in friendship, and with love.
Debbie Austin*

Debbie Austin - June 20, 2022 at 09:46 AM

SU

“ I first met Jerry a few years ago when I was looking to trade in my car. He came right up to me with his hand extended and introduced himself. He asked me a few questions & we were on our way looking at a new to me car. That was March of 2015. I traded that car for the Impala that I'm presently driving. Jerry always reached out to me to see how my car was doing & asked if I was doing okay. He was a good man & a good conversationalist. Come to find out my brother grew up with his youngest brother David. Rest in eternal paradise Jerry. We all are going to miss you.



Susan - June 19, 2022 at 11:18 AM

LA

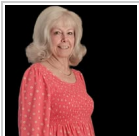
“ Joyce & family,
We were shocked when we hear Jerrys name on the news. He was such a great guy and he will certainly be missed! Our hearts are aching for you. Sending you much love, many prayers and big HUGS ! 🙏🙏🙏❤️

Linda Anderson - June 18, 2022 at 11:27 PM

LT

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire family.
“Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon him “

Linda Taggart - June 18, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ Debbie, you are in my prayers. So sorry for the loss of your brother.
Sue Madl

Susan Madl - June 18, 2022 at 08:46 AM

DF

Thank you for reaching out Susan. He will forever be in our hearts.

Deb Ferrell

Deborah Ferrell - June 27, 2022 at 09:02 PM

RS

“ *Fly high grandpa! You were a great man and I had the pleasure of having many amazing conversations with you. I'll miss that playlist you had picking up keys! Loved the great music! You will be missed, thanks for more than you really know.*

Ryan Salts - June 17, 2022 at 11:38 PM

DM

“ *Will miss you Jerry and all the times discussing where to go eat at ,every Thursday for you and Joyce . You were always very kind to me , you will be missed 😭*

Dana Murdock - June 17, 2022 at 10:27 PM

LM

“ *Miss you already jer-bear.*

Lucy Marquez - June 17, 2022 at 09:49 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Gerald Counter.*



June 17, 2022 at 09:46 PM