



## Gerald "Jerry" Wittman

July 28, 1942 - September 11, 2024

Gerald "Jerry" Wittman, 82, Topeka, Kansas, beloved husband, father, grandfather and wonderful friend, passed away peacefully Wednesday, September 11, 2024.

Jerry was born July 28, 1942, in Topeka to Wendelin and Lidwina Schreiner Wittman. He attended Sacred Heart Grade School, graduated from Hayden High School in 1960 and earned his bachelor's degree from Rockhurst University.

On January 2, 1987, Jerry and the love of his life, his beloved Linda Harris Turgeon were united in marriage, enjoying more than 37 years together.

Jerry was a long-time member of Topeka Cosmopolitan Club. He had been a realtor and co-owner of Landmark Realty prior to serving in the position of Executive Director of Topeka Homebuilders Association.

Playing golf was a favorite pastime with his great group of friends. Jerry loved being outdoors. He loved to listen to the rain and sitting on his porch liked the soft spray of the rain to reach him. Jerry was funny. He was "king of the one-liners"; he had a million of them and there were always "Jerry Jokes". He had a generous heart and helped many; if needed he was there. He was well loved by his family and a host of friends. Jerry returned that love. His family

was the pride and joy of his life. He will be dearly missed.

Grateful to have shared Jerry's life are his wife, Linda Wittman; his children, Gavin Wittman (Daylene), David Wittman (Lori), Jim Turgeon (Tracey), Tami Zobel (Guy), Mark Turgeon (Ann), Cindi Smith (Rob) and Jennifer Finley (Shawn); 26 grandchildren, Ashlyn Wittman (Jeremy Mansfield), Thomas Wittman (Samone), Jordan Luttmann (Nic), Lucas Anderson, Dawson Wittman, Mitchell Wittman (Kelsey), Jacob Wittman, Tommy Turgeon, Taylor Johnson (Jay), Gabe Zobel, Chelsea Zobel, Mickey Zobel, Lily Sarandrea (Nicky), Grace Zobel, Guy Zobel, Jr., Mary Zobel, Will Turgeon, Ella Turgeon, Leo Turgeon, Skylar Smith, Colby Smith (Clare), Dylan Smith, Macy Smith, Peyton Alvarez (Eric), Ellee Heit (Jake) and Lola Finley; nine great-grandchildren; his sister, Marilyn Bennett (Bill); and brother Wayne Wittman.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Elmer Wittman and his former wife, Marcia Peters Wittman.

Family will greet friends Sunday, September 15, from 1 until 2:30 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. The rosary will be prayed at 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at Christ the King Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Stormont Vail Cancer Center or to Midland Care, sent in care of the funeral home.

Jerry's funeral Mass will be livestreamed by the church, you can follow this link. <https://youtube.com/live/7ur-uQPZuQA?feature=share>

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



# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15**. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

SEP **15**. 2:30 PM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

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SEP **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church  
5973 SW 25th St  
Topeka, KS 66614-1973  
(785) 273-0710

# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Wittman



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - September 15, 2024 at 04:15 PM



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Wittman



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - September 13, 2024 at 03:47 PM

DR

*I will always be grateful to you for giving a newly divorced mom with three children a chance to work for you so I could support my children.  
♥ So many years of being someone who tried to understand my issues with Lupus ♥  
Thank you Jerry  
You will never be forgotten*

Denise Randall - September 13, 2024 at 05:31 PM

AP

*What a beautiful tribute to a life well-lived -- and obviously well-loved by so many. So very sorry for your loss.*

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**Adena Puchalski** - September 16, 2024 at 10:56 AM

GB

“ *Dear Linda and Family:*

*Ed and I were not able to attend the visitation or services. However, we will always keep both of you in our hearts with very fond memories of love and laughter.*

*Jerry was a true gentleman with some spice. It was always a pleasure to be around him. His smile would light up the room. You were blessed to have each other.*

*Ed Carpenter and Ginger Barr*

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**Ginger Barr** - September 19, 2024 at 04:53 PM

CS

“ *With a heavy heart we send our sympathy to the family. We have fond memories as children with Jerry and our parents in Topeka (father Mark Bachmann and mother Mary Kay Bachmann Dowd) in their early years at Hayden, Rocherst and building Topeka in the 80's and 90's. Sending prayers to the Wittman Family, Cara (Bachmann) Schroeder, Tara Bachmann and Tyson Bachmann and families.*

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**Cara Schroeder** - September 18, 2024 at 04:35 PM

TS

“ Gavin & David,  
Sorry that I wasn't able to attend the funeral service. My thoughts  
and prayers go out to you and your families. Lots of great memories  
with your dad. Super guy! Will be missed immensely. Todd Schell

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**Todd Schell** - September 16, 2024 at 11:41 PM

AW

“ Dear David, Lori & Family, please accept our deepest condolences.  
Sending prayers to all.

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**Angel Wahl** - September 16, 2024 at 08:29 AM

MD

“ Mike & Valerie Dinkel purchased the Beautiful in  
Blue for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Wittman.



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**Mike & Valerie Dinkel** - September 14, 2024 at 09:32 PM

MD

“ Mike & Valerie Dinkel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Jerry"  
Wittman.

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**Mike & Valerie Dinkel** - September 14, 2024 at 09:32 PM

BS

“ I’m so sorry to read this. What a sweet man Jerry was. It was always a pleasure to help him. God Bless, Barb (formerly at Cancer Center)



Barb Stearman - September 14, 2024 at 05:55 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Wittman.



September 14, 2024 at 09:00 AM

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“ The Ladies of the Class of 1990 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Jerry" Wittman.

The Ladies of the Class of 1990 - September 14, 2024 at 09:00 AM

PR

“ Paul and Stacie Del Rio purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Wittman.



Paul and Stacie Del Rio - September 13, 2024 at 06:00 PM

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Paul and Stacie Del Rio - September 13, 2024 at 06:00 PM

DW

“ Gavin and David  
I remember Jerry coaching us in 6th grade football at Most Pure Heart, along with Mr. Franklin. He really knew football and obviously the love of the game passed down to you both, and to all of us at MPH. It was wonderful for Jerry to volunteer his time to us that year, which was one of the most enjoyable times I've ever had. May the wonderful memories of your dad sustain you in this difficult time.

David Welsh - September 12, 2024 at 09:46 PM

TM

Prayers and condolences to Gavin and the Whitman family and to all the Turgeons. Jerry was such a good man...always sporting events rooting us on along with my own dad. He will be missed for sure but our faith tells us Jerry has been called home to heaven and he is now with Jesus. And I hope that provides much needed relief to all those who mourn Jerry's passing. May god bless Jerry, the Whitman and Turgeon families. 🙏

Tim Mcgivern - September 13, 2024 at 06:19 AM

TG

Jerry is and will continue to be a very good friend to my family. He and Linda are the salt of the Earth and we will miss their presence very much. He and Linda expressed their love for everyone in so many different ways. Over so many years. His gentleness, his sense of humor, his ability to jump into action when called for help, his compassion and his love for his family and friends is reflected in a life well lived. Jerry you will be missed and never forgotten!!!☐

tracy gardner - September 13, 2024 at 12:08 PM

TS

*Jerry was always a very pleasant person to be around. He always was a quick wit with something funny to say. I miss the Friday happy hours with friends. He will be missed. My condolences to Linda and Gavin and their families.*

*Tom Shepard*

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**Thomas Shepard** - September 13, 2024 at 12:55 PM

CM

*Linda and Family, We offer our sincere sympathy and prayers to you. Eternal rest for Jerry and may he rest in peace. May the hope of Christ's resurrection bring you comfort and peace. God Bless!*

*Carole and Jake Mertz*

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**Carole S Mertz** - September 13, 2024 at 09:19 PM



*Jerry was a friend to everybody that knew him. I will miss him and his smile. RIP Jerry.*

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**Ronald Redmond** - September 15, 2024 at 11:56 PM