



## Grover "Bud" Parnell

May 15, 1943 - May 24, 2021

Grover "Buddy" Alton Parnell, Topeka, 78, went to heaven on May 24, 2021.

Buddy was born in Gastonia, North Carolina on May 15, 1943, to Franklin and Helen Bradshaw Parnell.

Buddy served eight years in the United States Air Force and loved to tell stories about his experiences during those years. After his discharge from the service, he worked 32 years for Mountain Bell in Colorado Springs CO, Southwestern Bell and AT&T, both in Topeka KS.

Buddy was a member of Gage Park Baptist Church and Grace United Methodist Church. He had a beautiful voice and found great joy in singing in the choir and singing solos.

Buddy loved to go for long drives down country roads in his truck, to fish and hunt, and always had a joke to tell.

Buddy married Jennifer Kay Franzen on October 17, 1964. They had three children. After 43 years together, Jennifer preceded him in death. Following her death, Buddy fell in love with Carolyn Davis, and they spent the last twelve years of his life together, enjoying their families, friends, and traveling.

He is survived by his children, Brenda Fangman (Jim) of Dallas GA, Bradley of Escalante UT, and Brian (Briana) of Brandon FL; grandchildren, Luke, Taylor, Benjamin, Maggie, and Jackson; and two great-grandsons, Isaac and Kayden. He also loved and was part of Carolyn's family, stepdaughters, DeNeisse O'Brien (Rick) and Kim Rhoades (Gary), both of Topeka; and Carolyn's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Friday, June 4th, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral Service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, June 5th at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Prairie Home Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace United Methodist Church and sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Prairie Home Cemetery

35th and Menoken Road  
Topeka, KS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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

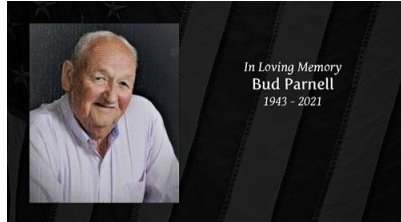
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# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Grover "Bud" Parnell



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Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - June 04, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Grover "Bud" Parnell



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“ Grover "Bud" Parnell

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Grover "Bud" Parnell.*



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June 04, 2021 at 02:12 PM



“ *Pamela Green & Julian Lord purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Grover "Bud" Parnell.*



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**Pamela Green & Julian Lord** - June 04, 2021 at 12:50 PM



“ *Bud had a great sense of humor to go with his musical talents. Through many years at Gage Park Baptist, he was a good friend, and someone I could always count on. Prayers for family and friends, and we morn your passing.*

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**Jeff Conrad** - June 04, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grover "Bud" Parnell.*



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June 03, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Grover "Bud" Parnell.*



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June 03, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ *Carolyn and all of Grover's family. Yes, I was one of the few that knew him as Grover. I dearly loved this man. He was such an inspiration to me over the years I knew him. My heart truly breaks for all who loved him. He was a very special man and I know he will be greatly missed. May God bless each of you through this most difficult time.*

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**Royce Ogden-Nelson** - June 02, 2021 at 10:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Grover "Bud" Parnell.*



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May 31, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ *I met Bud when I was about 10 years old. My sister and Jenny were friends and as I remember she introduced the two of them. Fast forward 10 years and we both worked at SWBT. We had a good laugh about an outing when several went to the Fair and what a "pain" it was with a 10 year old with them. It was a great guy. My thoughts are with his family, I know he will be missed.*

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**Jan Bracken Heinz** - May 30, 2021 at 07:28 PM

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“ Bud was a delightful guy to work with at Southwestern Bell. Great technician and a great smile. My condolences to his family.

Ann Mah - May 30, 2021 at 11:32 AM

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“ Carol Cooley lit a candle in memory of Grover "Bud" Parnell



Carol Cooley - May 29, 2021 at 05:54 PM

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I only knew Bud for a short while. He was a wonderful person inside and out. He loved singing for his Lord. He was a great influence when he sang. Will miss your singing and your smile. Rest in prance!

Carol Cooley - May 29, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ To Brenda, Carolyn and all of Bud's family. Sorry to hear of his passing but so happy to know he is in Heaven with his dear wife Jenny. I have so many wonderful memories of Bud in church and especially singing in the choir and hearing his beautiful solos. He will be missed.

Love, Christie Stanley

Christie Stanley - May 27, 2021 at 07:23 PM

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“ I had never met Bud, but I know he was he was very special to my great nephew Luke and his family. I am very sorry to all for your loss.

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**Annette Hackett** - May 27, 2021 at 03:18 PM

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“ I'm sorry for your loss. I met Bud while working at Southwestern Bell. He was always fair & had a great personality, so I always enjoyed the times I worked with him. He will be greatly missed.  
*Kimball Parker*

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**Kimball Parker** - May 27, 2021 at 02:28 PM

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“ Carolyn and all of Bud's family - I have such a heavy heart to know that Bud has passed to his reward. Although, when I saw him last week he told me he was ready and that he hoped he could get a spot in the choir in heaven. I am sure he will. I told him one of my treasures is the CD he gave me and I listened to it often while doing taxes this year. Bud will be missed by many and my prayers will be with all of you! Love, Connie Everett

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**Connie Everett** - May 27, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Grover "Bud" Parnell.



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May 27, 2021 at 10:47 AM