



## Harvey James Chebo

October 9, 1943 - May 7, 2024

Harvey James Chebo, 80, passed from this earth on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, in Topeka, Kansas.

Harvey was born October 9, 1943, to Edward and Adeline (Lopajko) Chebo in Chicago, Illinois.

He graduated from St. Philip Basilica High School on June 4, 1961. After graduating, Harvey joined the Air Force, which brought him to Topeka where he worked on Atlas missiles until his service ended in 1966. Harvey worked at IBM for 30 years from 1966 to 1996, where he held positions including Internetworking Specialist and Advisory Systems Engineer. After leaving IBM, he continued his work in technology with companies including Centron, El Camino Real, and Midwest Technology Services. Harvey last worked for Meridian IT as a Solutions Architect for Networking, Power Systems and Storage before retiring in July of 2020.

Harvey was passionate about helping others and his dedication to numerous community programs made a profound impact within the community. A survivor of colon cancer, he volunteered with the American Cancer Society, serving as an advocate for early cancer screenings. Harvey was a youth soccer coach for over 10 years, and in 2007 he began volunteering as a basketball referee in the Upward Bound Sports program at First Baptist

Church. Harvey also volunteered his time to the Topeka Zoo, where he played an important part in with the sharing the zoo's ongoing education and conservation efforts community. Finally, Harvey served as part of the Community Emergency Response Team., where he was trained to assist with disaster preparedness in the community. Harvey's contributions touched the community in ways that will always be remembered.

Harvey was a kind and giving man who was fiercely protective of his children and his cat, Toby. He loved nature and enjoyed the beauty and relaxation that hiking brought to him. Harvey enjoyed spending time with others, and his curiosity and compassion contributed to a constant desire to advance his knowledge about the world around him.

Harvey is survived by his daughter, Valorie Bradley; and son, Kevin Chebo. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held Friday, June 7, 2024, from 1 to 3 p.m. with a Rosary to follow at 3 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Topeka Zoo or American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

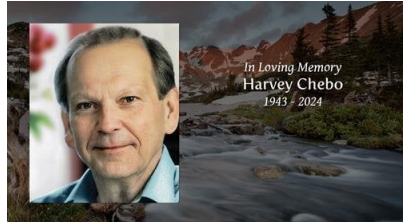
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# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harvey James Chebo



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - June 03, 2024 at 11:43 AM

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“ Harvey was a very sweet and gentle person. He came to me for massage and we talked weekly about almost everything imaginable. He talked so much about his daughter and son. He loved them deeply. When he traveled, he always shared his stories of where he went and things he saw and did. Of course, he talked about his cats too. He did have an impact on Topeka as he volunteered for many things. He was always ready to help anyone with anything. When Covid hit, we didn't talk as much. I had surgery in 2023 about the same time he had surgery. He told me many times God had been good him. I'm sorry I didn't know of his passing until now but know my thoughts are with you. He is missed. Deb Carter

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**Deb Carter** - October 10, 2024 at 04:50 PM

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“ Harvey is a great loss to the Docent Program at the Topeka Zoo. In the years that Harvey was with us as an Ambassador for the zoo, he provided an incredible amount of education to the NE Kansas community on a wide variety of topics surrounding the animals of the zoo, and many other environmental issues. He loved animals and enjoyed bringing others closer to the natural world, and he was very, very good at doing so.

Harvey was also a very kind man who was so easy for all of us to get close to. He was always happy to stop and talk and always so enjoyable to talk to. He will be missed by all of us who were fortunate enough to get to spend time with him. His absence from us will remain noticeable as he has left a void that we will not be able to fill.

Thank you, Harvey, for all that you have done for so many here!  
Dennis Dinwiddie

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Dennis Dinwiddie - May 31, 2024 at 03:36 PM

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“ Rhonda Marie Calander lit a candle in memory of Harvey James Chebo



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Rhonda Marie Calander - May 27, 2024 at 11:41 PM



“ Steve and I met Harvey through our good friends Joyce and Frank. He was such a good friend to them. We benefitted from his friendship as well. He encouraged me to become a docent at the Topeka Zoo. That was one of the best decisions I made. I was always amazed at how involved he was with the zoo. Both he and the zoo did well with his work there.

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Joyce Daneke - May 23, 2024 at 09:08 AM

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“ Beth & Cody Chamberlain (Kosiba) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harvey James Chebo.

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**Beth & Cody Chamberlain (Kosiba)** - May 13, 2024 at 08:55 PM

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“ Beth & Cody Chamberlain (Kosiba) purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Harvey James Chebo.



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