



## Howard Hart

November 29, 1948 - September 16, 2024

Howard John Hart, 75, died peacefully surrounded by family on September 16, 2024, in Topeka, Kansas. He was born November 29, 1948 in Nashville, Kansas to Harry and Margaret Hart. Howard graduated from Nashville High School, class of 1966. He attended Pratt Community College and later graduated from Fort Hays Kansas State College with a degree in Business. After college, he moved to Salina, Kansas where he met Carol Hagmeier. They married on July 15, 1974 and celebrated their 50th anniversary this year. They later settled in Topeka where they raised their family. Howard was employed 47 years as a meat cutter for Dillons Grocery Stores. He was a faithful member of Christ the King Catholic Church, and an active member of Knights of Columbus Council 8411, and James W Gibbons Fourth Degree Assembly.

Howard possessed a witty sense of humor and a keen ability to connect with anyone he met. His greatest joy was time with family. He was the ultimate girl dad, and even became an official girl scout so that he could help lead his daughters' troops. Howard also enjoyed spending time hunting, golfing, reading, and theatre.

Howard is survived by his wife, Carol; daughters Melissa (Matthew) Micek, Michele (Justin) Baalman, and Megan (Jonathan) McComas; grandchildren Kenneth, Abby, Samantha, Ryan, and Anthony Micek, Maggie, Julianna,

Logan, and Garrett Baalman, Gavin McComas; brother, Bruce Hart; and a large extended family.

Howard is preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Margaret Hart.

Visitation will be 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 19, 2024, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Chalice Ceremony and Rosary will follow at 6:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, September 20, 2024, at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka KS 66614. Burial to follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities of NE Kansas or Mary's Choices Pregnancy Care Center sent in care of the funeral home.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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

## Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Chalice Ceremony and Rosary

SEP **19**. 6:30 PM (CT)

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2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

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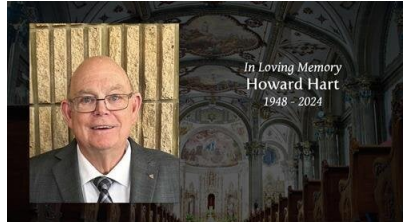
SEP **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church  
5973 SW 25th Street  
Topeka, KS 66614

# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Hart



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - September 18, 2024 at 01:19 PM

RK

Condolence to CAROL and the family Howard will be missed you are in our prayers 🙏❤️ George, Rita Kinkeade and family

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**Rita Kinkeade** - September 18, 2024 at 08:08 PM

WS

I attended college with Howard at Pratt CC and Fort Hays State University. Great guy and several of us and him had way too much fun. Sorry for your loss and Howard we will meet again someday. Rest in Peace my friend. Wayne Scott, Preston, Ks.

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**Wayne Scott** - September 20, 2024 at 10:49 PM

AD

“ I worked with Howard at Dillons when I first moved to Topeka almost 40 years ago. After my year or so at Dillons every time I ran into Howard we always had a great conversation catching up. That was the kind of person Howard was, once you were in his life he didn't forget you and always had time to stop and chat.

*My condolences to Howards family.*

*He was a good man and will be missed.*

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**Anthony Darr** - September 25, 2024 at 09:31 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your families loss Mrs. Hart.

*I had the joy of working with Howard for many years at Dillons. He is remembered by myself and I'm sure many others as being such a bright light every day. He worked hard and was so knowledgeable but he was kind and considerate of others and embraced challenges with such strong character. He shared his talents and taught those coming up behind him.*

*He was missed when he retired and his light and joy are surely missed now.*

*Deepest condolence's*

*Janel Brandstoettner*

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**Janel Brandstoettner** - September 20, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ What a sweet man. Even though I grew up 2 houses down from the Hart Family, I didn't really get to know Howard until decades later when we were both in choir together. His humor always put a smile on my face. My sincere condolences to Carol, the girls and all whose lives Howard touched.

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**Chris (Roy) Towle** - September 19, 2024 at 10:56 PM

JF

“ Jason Flkan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Hart.

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**Jason Flkan** - September 19, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Hart.*



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September 19, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Howard at Dillons for 15 years. I always enjoyed his kind ways and great sense of humor. May God surround you with His peace during this difficult time.*

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**Ruth Mitchell** - September 19, 2024 at 02:14 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Howard Hart.*



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September 19, 2024 at 12:20 PM



“ *Hart Family, please accept our condolences. Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this time. I served with Howard on the Programming Team for the Kansas Knights of Columbus State Council. I enjoyed his friendship and looked forward to seeing him at the State Council meetings. May Howard rest in peace.*

*Larry & Anita Marstall*

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**Lawrence Marstall** - September 19, 2024 at 12:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard Hart.*



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September 19, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ *My husband and I were in school with Howard at Nashville. With only thirty-plus kids in the whole school we all got along and everyone went out for sports too. His dad was our bus driver and kept us all laughing. We are so sorry to hear of Howard's passing. He always had a smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

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**Jill watkins** - September 18, 2024 at 08:06 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Howard Hart.*



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September 18, 2024 at 06:35 PM



“ *Judith H. planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Howard Hart.*

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**Judith H.** - September 18, 2024 at 06:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Hart.*



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September 18, 2024 at 06:16 PM



“ *Every time we went to Nashville, my cousin, Howard would take the time to make sure I, a probable pest, had a good time. He would patiently gather the eggs with me, which was a delightful novelty to me but a daily chore for him and always saddle up Bucky, his pony, so that I could ride him all around the farm. Never once was he too busy to entertain me. Just soft spoken and kind. Always. Howard, please know that you made that little girl so happy each time she came to visit you. Love to you now, you earned your wings a long time ago. ❤️. Judy Hart*

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**Judy Hart** - September 18, 2024 at 04:27 PM

DL

“ Howard and I first met when we were opening a new Dillon's store in Salina over 50 years ago. I was in new full-time employee in need of a place to live and Howard had a 2-bedroom apartment. Over the years we kept in touch both working for Dillons and through our Knights of Columbus involvement.

Howard served as District Deputy while I was State Deputy and later, we'd always catch up at Knight's meetings and events. I recall numerous times Howard and Carol would be at meetings so they could babysit the grandkids.

He was a good person and had a kind heart, and I'll always remember Howard's laugh and smile. Sorry for your loss, you're in our prayers.

*Dave and Mary Leiker*

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**DAVID M. LEIKER** - September 18, 2024 at 01:29 PM