



## James Brooke

August 13, 1948 - December 4, 2018

James Edward Brooke, 70, Topeka, Kansas passed away peacefully at his home Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

Jim was born August 13, 1948, in Topeka to John and Ruth Capeless Brooke. He graduated from Hayden High School in 1966 and served our country in the US Army during the Vietnam War. On January 10, 1976, Jim and Ellie Gartner were united in marriage enjoying over 42 years together. Jim was a painter retired from the State of Kansas. He loved to hunt and fish.

Grateful to have shared his life are his wife, Ellie Brooke; son, Jake Brooke; siblings, John Brooke (Sally), Carole Shapiro (Dave), Cathy Whitaker, Ruthie Droste (Dan), Sandy MacGill (Dave), Susie Schell (Gregg), Janice Brooke and Mike Brooke. Jim was preceded in death by his son, Josh Brooke, his brother, Danny Brooke and sister, Barbara Eberhart.

Family will greet friends from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, followed by a Celebration of Jim's Life at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Inurnment with military honors will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Midland Care Hospice, sent in care of the funeral home.

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

DEC 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## A Celebration of Life

DEC 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



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



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - December 11, 2018 at 03:45 PM



“ James Brooke

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ To all of the Brooke's family. it saddens me to read about Jim's passing; my heart goes out to you all!  
I am not sure if you are aware, but Jim was our hero scaring away a guy who followed Sandy & Susie & I home from the from the library, down the alley to your childhood home- Jim ran outside so fast & yelled at the guy & started to chase him. but stopped when the guy was quite aways down the street- Jim wanted to ask us what happened & was very concerned- SUCH A GOOD BIG BROTHER!!  
Your whole family was loved by the Banister family & we will pray for your peace.  
Julie Banister-Hoppas

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**Julie Banister-Hoppas** - December 08, 2018 at 05:11 PM

DR

“ Ellie, We are so sorry to hear of your loss, Mom wanted me to let you know you are in our thoughts and prayers, So sorry we couldn't make it out today. keep in touch.  
Doug Rosencutter

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**Doug Rosencutter** - December 08, 2018 at 04:19 PM

MB

“ Ellie, I am so very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my heart and prayers. May God hold you all in the palm of His hands and bring you strength and peace. May your wonderful memories outweigh your pain and sorrow.  
MaryBeth Brennan

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**MaryBeth Brennan** - December 08, 2018 at 09:39 AM

PV

“ Ellie, so sorry to hear about Jim. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Patti Valdivia** - December 08, 2018 at 08:44 AM

CM

“ Ellie,  
Sorry to hear about your husband. Please know you & your family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Cheryl Collier McCrite

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**Cheryl McCrite** - December 07, 2018 at 10:51 PM

RC

“ Ellie, Jake, John and Sally and entire Brooke family. So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers. Randy and Connie Collins

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**randall a collins** - December 07, 2018 at 10:33 AM

PS

“ *Ellie,  
So sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.*

*Pat Schmidt*

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**Patricia Schmidt** - December 07, 2018 at 09:52 AM

RR

“ *To Jim's immediate family, my deepest sympathy for your loss. Sadly, I lost track of Jim a few years after our graduation from Hayden. He was a friend and a great individual...he will be sorely missed.*

*Ruben Ramirez*

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**Ruben Ramirez** - December 07, 2018 at 12:09 AM

BB

“ *I couldn't believe it, but I guess its true of Jimmy's passing. I grew up with Jimmy, Johnny and his family when they lived on Munson Ave. Great people. We played football, basketball, and baseball together We would meet at a lady's front yard and play football. Her name was Amy. She treated all of us very well. Will miss you Jimmy. Your friend Bill Burkhart*

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**bill burkhart** - December 06, 2018 at 10:18 PM

EB

*Thank you Billy, Ellie. Jake talks about you and Jimmy and the bird dogs. They still say find him. Thanks again Billy. Jake*

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**Ellie Brooke** - December 07, 2018 at 01:08 AM

TW

“ *Ellie , Jake and Family ....  
So very sorry for your Loss.  
Time to Celebrate Jimmy's love of Family,  
40+ years of marriage, and how proud he was of his two Awesome  
sons.  
Surround your days ahead with wonderful memories. Hugs.*

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**Terry Joan Tara JoshSelena White** - December 06, 2018 at 06:48 PM

TB

“ *My favorite memories of my Uncle Jimmy all revolve around hunting  
and fishing. He was always generous enough to take me with him,  
and never allowing me to not bait my own hook or to let a little rain  
bother us. I learned many things in my life from my Uncle Jimmy,  
including this: there are only 2 things you can do sitting down, and  
one of them is NOT painting! I will miss Uncle Jimmy very much, but  
he left me with a ton of memories that I have and will pass along to  
others in my life. He was just as great to my wife and kids as he was  
to me. Jimmy we all love you very much!  
Ellie and Jake, all our love and prayers are with you.*

—Toby, Gulhan, Kelsey and Melodi

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**Toby Brooke** - December 06, 2018 at 05:24 PM

HK

“ *Sorry for your loss Jake. Your father's memory will live on in many  
hearts. His legacy includes the service he provided defending this  
country, loving a wonderful woman, and raising a son he was very  
proud of. We are proud of you also.*

*Your Friends, Hal & Tracy Kaina*

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**Hal Kaina** - December 06, 2018 at 11:56 AM

SR

“ Cousins,

*Sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. I have fond memories of his contiguous smile. Know my thoughts are with all of you.*

*"Hugs"*

*Sharon (McCaffrey) Riese*

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**Sharon Riese** - December 05, 2018 at 08:17 PM

GM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, I knew Jim from attending Hayden with him.*

*Heaven has gained another star to shine for us at night.*

*Gary Myers*

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**Gary Myers** - December 05, 2018 at 08:04 PM

DR

“ *Ellie and Jake, So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both. Ellie if we can do anything for you please let us know.*

*Debbie and Frank*

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**Debbie Roberts** - December 05, 2018 at 07:28 PM

CH

“ *Elli, I'm so so sorry for your loss. Jim was a wonderful person. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Carol Hack*

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**Carol Hack** - December 05, 2018 at 05:57 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Brooke.* ”



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December 05, 2018 at 04:51 PM