



## James Ted Wade

February 22, 1927 - September 21, 2016

James Ted Wade, 89, Topeka, passed away Wednesday, September 21, 2016.

Ted was born February 22, 1927, in Cleburne TX, the son of Melvin and Margaret Hulette Wade. Ted is a second generation railroad man. His father was employed by the Santa Fe Railroad and the family was transferred around to many locations. Ted graduated from Newton High School in Newton KS and earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Kansas. On June 8, 1950, Ted and Mary Beverly Polhans were united in marriage, enjoying more than 65 years together prior to her death on September 2, 2015.

Ted started his career with Santa Fe Railroad in 1950 and over the years had many moves throughout the Santa Fe territory and numerous promotions. He and his colleagues designed and patented a fuel-efficient piggy-back rail car and he retired as manager of the mechanical engineering department in Topeka in 1987.

Ted was an active member of Christ the King Parish, serving as an usher for the church. He served as committee member and chair of American Association of Railroads and had a huge model railroad. He was an enthusiastic Jayhawk basketball fan, enjoyed photography and after

retirement he and Bev traveled a great deal, to all states (but Hawaii) and also Canada and Mexico. Ted was always a good provider for his family, was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his children, Mary Ellen Kelly (Dennis) and Mike Wade (Becky); two grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; and two nieces.

Visitation will be from 12 to 1 p.m. Sunday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

A parish rosary will be prayed at 9:30 a.m. Monday at Christ the King Church where Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Christ the King Church or to Stormont-Vail Hospital Palliative Care Unit, sent in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 25. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

SEP 26. 9:30 AM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 26. 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 James Ted Wade*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - September 22, 2016 at 04:44 PM



“ *James Ted Wade*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My father was a great man. He taught me so much in life, more than words can describe. Thank you so much for everything you have done for our family. Until we meet again dad... I love you !*

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**Mike Wade** - September 25, 2016 at 09:23 AM