



## James Wolff

June 17, 1958 - December 5, 2021

James “Jim” Wolff, 63, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away Sunday, December 5th, 2021.

Jim was born on June 17, 1958, in Decatur, Illinois to Eugene “Geno” and Jeane Hagen Wolff. He joins his beloved wife, Debra “Debbie” Garhan Wolff. Jim and Debbie are survived by their son; James “J.P.” (Chawnae); daughter, Jaclyn “Jackie” Giroux (Eric); and three granddaughters, Mila, Beau, and Jordyn.

Jim had a decades-long, decorated career in sales, leaving a lasting impression on everyone he met. He lived his life to the fullest, and never stopped moving forward.

Funeral service will be Thursday, December 16th, at 10:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to service at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Burial follows in Mount Hope Cemetery.

If desired, memorial contributions may be sent to the YMCA of Topeka at [ymcatopeka.org](http://ymcatopeka.org) or sent in care of the funeral home.

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



# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 16. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

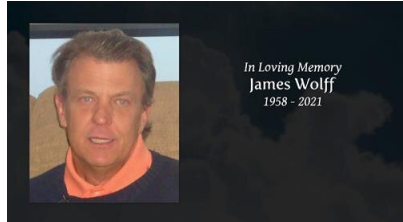
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# Tribute Wall



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



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - December 14, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *James Wolff*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Jim's Family:*

*I grew up with Jim and we lived just a few blocks from each other. Grade school, Jr High and High school. I'm sad Jim is no longer with us. I ran into him a few years ago at a friend's house during March Madness cheering on our Jayhawks. He was a great guy and will be missed by anybody who knew him.*

*A friend and classmate,*

*Tara Merkel Nicholas  
TWHS '77*

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**Tara Nicholas** - December 17, 2021 at 09:07 AM

GS

“ *Jim was a great friend.  
Grow up with Jim was a blast every day.  
Going to miss you old friend*

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**Greg Sheets** - December 16, 2021 at 08:19 AM

Kate  
Gillispie

“ J. P. and Jackie -



*My heart goes out to you both. I am also mourning your dad. I loved him like a brother. We didn't see much of each other since the two of you were born, except at family events and when Laura was home, but he and I were extremely close growing up. My mother, David and I went to visit the family in Decatur when Jim and I were both five years old and -- only seven months apart in age -- we instantly bonded. I also adored Barbara as the big sister I never had, and Becky to some extent, although five years age difference and all the time she spent in sports meant we had less in common. She and Jim were two of a kind, though. After they moved back to Topeka, we spent practically every weekend together, playing around their house and at Gage Park when they lived right across the street, or running around White Lakes when it first opened. Your dad and the girls lived with my family for about a month when Uncle Gene was in the hospital following his aneurysm, then he stayed with us again after the fire while Aunt Jeane was recovering in the hospital. Gene and Laura stayed with the grandparents, but it was better for Jim to be amongst a larger family group where he had more loving attention to comfort him. And he got it.*

*Aside from the tragedies in our lives, he and I also had a lot of fun together. Yet, people can tend to grow apart as they get older, and his sports took him away from home a lot of the time I was at your grandparents' house over the years. So we saw less and less of each other, especially after he met your mother, fell head over heels in love and spent all his free time with her. Then marriage, children and work took all of his time and mine, as they can. I truly wish we had stayed in closer touch, but even if we rarely actually saw each other, we still had an emotional tie that will never be broken.*

*He was a good guy who loved both of you very deeply and was extremely proud of you. Hold onto that and cherish your memories of good times. That is what matters.*

*Kate*

**Kate Gillispie** - December 15, 2021 at 06:52 PM

LF

“ *Love, Theo & Emily (Sherwood) Fundermann purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James Wolff.*



**Love, Theo & Emily (Sherwood) Fundermann** - December 15, 2021 at 03:42 PM

LF

“ *My thoughts are with your family.*

**Lori F** - December 15, 2021 at 11:11 AM

LF

“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of James Wolff.*



December 14, 2021 at 09:39 PM

CN

“ We shared many good times and laughs, always the laughs, with Jim at countless soccer games and tournaments for our daughters soccer team. One funny time was in Des Moines and Jim strongly disagreed with a refs call and let him know. Then he ducked away and the ref looked at Eric thinking he was the one who had voiced the passionate disagreement. Eric had to leave the game and Jim later at dinner thanked him for taking the fall and said he owed him a six pack!!

I always remember a conversation with Jim in which we were all voicing our frustration with road construction. I said that I didn't know why they had to use the color orange so much in construction because to me it's a happy color that I like! Jim looked at me and "me too!"

An all around Good Guy.

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**Colleen Noble** - December 14, 2021 at 04:31 PM

GM

“ Jim and I shared many different relationships over the years but, the most cherished is that of "friend". i will miss him greatly. Thanks for all the memories, Wolfie!

Greg Meyer

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**GREG MEYER** - December 14, 2021 at 12:46 PM

MO

“ I met Jim when he was selling liquor for Sunflower and I was selling for Famous Brands. We instantly became great friends even though we were competitors. We both liked to try to one up each other in a fun way. When I started my insurance business Jim was one of my first customers for many years. My thoughts and prayers to all his family. Matt Overbey

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**Matt Overbey** - December 14, 2021 at 08:12 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of James Wolff.*



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December 13, 2021 at 11:17 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Jim. My husband Barry and I went to high school with Jim and I remember many many fun times with him! He was a very sweet guy. I knew Debbie to, and she was sweet as well. Now he has joined her and that is a comfort to know. RIP Jim.*  
*Kelly McFarland*



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**Kelly McFalarland** - December 13, 2021 at 09:37 PM



*Sincerely, any little story or memory is so appreciated. Thanks for taking the time.*  
*- Jackie*

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**Jackie Giroux** - December 14, 2021 at 01:29 AM

WW

“ Jackie and JP my prayers and thoughts are with you and your families. Very sad to hear about the passing of Jim. I could tell many stories about Jim but my best were the last 3 summers we had in High School playing baseball together. Your Dad was a very good catcher for our Legion baseball team if he never told you! Jim always competed hard and had control of the pitchers. He helped lead us to a 3rd place and 4th place finish in state in 75 and 76. Jimbo you will be missed!



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**Wayne Warner** - December 13, 2021 at 06:03 PM

JG

*Being parentless makes me feel so disconnected to the past now. These stories and pictures mean so much to me.*  
-Jackie

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**Jackie Giroux** - December 14, 2021 at 01:26 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Wolff.



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December 13, 2021 at 03:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Wolff.*



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December 13, 2021 at 02:03 PM



“ *I've known Jim since 3rd grade at Sheldon Elementary. We went all through school together, and we only lived a block away from each other. My funniest memory of Jim was in 9th grade I drove to school (Landon Jr. High). He went out for cross country. As I was leaving school one day he asked for a ride so he didn't have to run so far. He crouched down in the passenger seat so nobody could see him. It only saved him about a block of running. Jim was always nice, and all the girls loved him. My prayers to his family. I am so sorry for your loss.*

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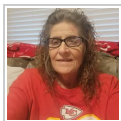
**Terri (Love) Sandgren** - December 13, 2021 at 10:46 AM



*Terri- that sounds exactly like my dad. These little stories mean so much to me during this time.*  
-Jackie

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**Jackie Giroux** - December 14, 2021 at 01:36 AM



*I grew up in same neighborhood as you Terri.*

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**Tara Nicholas** - December 28, 2021 at 01:24 PM

MS

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with you. May Jim & Debbie rest in peace with our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.*



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**Michelle Scott** - December 13, 2021 at 09:49 AM

JG

*Thank you, Michelle. You have been a great source of comfort for me.*  
-Jackie

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**Jackie Giroux** - December 14, 2021 at 01:41 AM

TF

“ *The Garhan Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Wolff.*



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**The Garhan Family** - December 12, 2021 at 12:55 PM

SM

“ *So saddened to hear about Jim's passing. We grew up together through Junior High and High School and competed together in football and basketball. Always was positive, energetic, competitive and full of fun. Shared many friends and laughs together. Sending prayers and condolences to Jim's family. May he rest in peace.*

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**Steve Mueller** - December 12, 2021 at 12:30 PM

JG

*Thank you for the note Steve. Would love to connect in the future.*  
-Jackie

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**Jackie Giroux** - December 14, 2021 at 01:42 AM

SM

“ I knew Jim and Debbie from high school. Many years later I met their beautiful daughter Jaclyn. My condolences to Jaclyn, JP and the grandchildren.

Susan Miller Maxon - December 12, 2021 at 10:01 AM

JG

Susan- thank you so much for sharing.  
-Jackie

Jackie Giroux - December 14, 2021 at 01:44 AM

SD

“ After graduating with Jim, we reconnected when I owned my own store and Jim was one of my salesmen. He always went the extra mile whenever I needed something. Many great talks about family and the "good old days". Jim will be truly missed.

Sandra Lollar Dowell - December 12, 2021 at 09:28 AM

JG

Thank you for sharing Sandra.  
-Jackie

Jackie Giroux - December 14, 2021 at 01:44 AM

GL

“ I had the great pleasure of working with both Jim and his father Gene back in the 1970's and 1980's. Jim was an amazing hard working sales representative for the company. When I sold the business in 1988 Jim continues on with the buyers company. Jim was a very successful rep. for our company He was very hardworking and enjoyed awesome success in sales. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends. Jim will be truly missed.

Greg Lux - December 12, 2021 at 08:05 AM

JG

*I came across an old golfing photo of you guys the other day. Thank you for sharing.*  
*-Jackie*

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**Jackie Giroux** - December 14, 2021 at 01:46 AM

PA

“ *Patricia A. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Wolff.*



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**Patricia A.** - December 11, 2021 at 07:07 PM