



## Jerold A. Binkley

March 20, 1934 - April 6, 2018

Jerold A. Binkley, 84, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Friday, April 6, 2018.

Jerold was born March 20, 1934, in Topeka, the son of Fred and Flo Cunningham Binkley. He graduated from Nortonville High School in 1951. Jerold married Joan McCoy at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Nortonville, Kansas, on April 16, 1955. He was the owner of Binkley's Tire and Service Centers. Jerold was the founder of Tulip Time and co-founder of the Ken Berry League. He was a member and past president of the Topeka Beautification Association.

Jerold once said, "Heaven, to me, would be 20 acres of rocky ground and they'd give me a pick and a shovel, a little rain once in a while and some flower seeds. And when I got that done, they'd give me another 20 acres and I'd keep going forever."

Jerold is survived by his wife, Joan; children, Sherry Clayton, Mike Binkley (Mary), Rick Binkley (Kathy) and Gregg Binkley (Tokiko); grandchildren, Nick Clayton (Tamara), Katie, Emily, Brett, Brooke and Brianna Binkley; great-granddaughter, Phoebe Clayton; and brother, Joe Binkley (Sandy). Preceded in death by brothers, Jim, Tom and Len Binkley.

Visitation will be 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral

Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Rosary will be prayed 10 a.m. Thursday, at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka KS 66614. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. at the church. Burial to follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Friends of Ted Ensley Gardens (FOTEG), or Topeka Beautification Association (TBA), sent in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 3:00 PM - 5:00 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

APR 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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



# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerold A. Binkley*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Yesterday was my dads birthday and he has past. I was thinking about all of his friends and Gerold came to my mind. He was my dads great friend we grew up going to Topeka as a kid to visit. I googled his name this morning and this came up. Grew up knowing he was a great guy and with all of his boys. Mike, Rick and Greg. Great times My name ia Mike Davenport , my Dad's name was Charles Davenport*

**Mike Davenport** - January 28, 2019 at 09:27 AM



*Hi Mike, it is so interesting that I just found your comment. I am Mike, Rick and Gregg's sister, Sherry. I am sorry to hear about your dad. The last couple of years have been kind of rough. Mom passed away last year on Mother's Day, May 12th. You will like to know that many times our family talked about the fun times we had when we got to stay with you all in Texas. I hope the rest of your family is well. If you want to stay in touch with me, my email is sherryeclayton@gmail.com or 785 230-3756. The boys and I are all on facebook. Let me know if you and your brothers are. My last name is Clayton now. It is SO good to hear from you. Sherry Binkley Clayton*

**Sherry Clayton** - February 28, 2020 at 02:33 PM

DL

“*Sadly, I just learned to Jerolds passing as I left Topeka 4 years ago. During my many decades at the Kansas Livestock Association we did all our auto business with him. He was a fine person so polite and honest. The world would be a better place if there were more people like Jerold Binkley.*

Dee Likes - January 02, 2019 at 06:09 PM



*How nice to hear tour kind words about our dad. It still doesn't seem quite real that both of our parents are gone now but it is nice to hear how others felt about them.*

Sherry Clayton - February 28, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“*Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerold A. Binkley.*



April 12, 2018 at 01:29 PM

RB

“*Jerold was always good about coming to Alumni events in Nortonville and visiting old friends here. He will be missed by many. Richard and Ann Bertels*

Richard and Ann Bertels - April 12, 2018 at 08:51 AM

TS

“ Binkley Family, this excerpt from a poem helped me (Tina) after a terribly sad death in my family [the Lee R. and Jean Schreiner family]. This excerpt is from a poem by William Wordsworth, "Ode: Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood"

*What though the radiance which was once so bright  
Be now for ever taken from my sight,  
Though nothing can bring back the hour  
Of splendour in the grass, of glory in the flower;  
We will grieve not, rather find  
Strength in what remains behind;  
In the primal sympathy  
Which having been must ever be;  
In the soothing thoughts that spring  
Out of human suffering;  
In the faith that looks through death,  
In years that bring the philosophic mind.*

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**Tina Lee Schreiner** - April 11, 2018 at 08:15 PM

JM

“ Jerold always had a heart old gold! I was lucky enough to meet him and Joan when I was just 14 years old working at McFarlands. I loved my weekly visits from them and going to their house to enjoy the amazing yard! Jerold you will truly be missed!

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**Jessica Marker** - April 11, 2018 at 08:11 PM

ME

“ Thank you to you and your family for opening up your home for so many years for the awesome Tulip Tours. I have lots of good memories with my late Dad there. You were a great man Jerold! Keep on planting lots of beautiful flowers in heaven!

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**Melinda** - April 11, 2018 at 03:54 PM

JS

“ We met Jerold many years ago when we moved to Topeka and found a warm welcome at his service station at 21st and Washburn. He was responsible for our love of flowers as we made many trips to his beautiful gardens around their home.

We remember Jerold sharing a story about walking out in his yard one morning and saw a couple sitting at his gazebo and he walked up to them and said good morning. The gentleman replied that they were having a private conversation and needed to be left alone. Being the gentleman that he was, he apologized and walked away instead of telling them they were on his property. He was a rare individual and he was loved by all who knew him. He will be terribly missed by everyone who loved birds, flowers and rocks.  
Jean Salsbery & family



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Jean Salsbery - April 11, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Jerold A. Binkley.



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April 11, 2018 at 10:10 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerold A. Binkley.



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April 10, 2018 at 09:28 AM

JH

“ Remembering our special friend Jerold. We first met him when we moved here in 1969 at his SERVICE station on 21st St. He immediately welcomed us and we became very loyal customers. Through the years we became good friends and built a home in the country not far from Jerold and Joan. Lots of good times as our two daughters were growing up and you Binkley kids were growing up too. One time we were at your home for one of our many visits to the garden and your Dad asked Amy if she would like to take home the white bunny she so admired. She of course said yes and he told her he would build her the hutch and when she was tired of the bunny she could bring it back! Of course she never did that and Cuddles lived to a ripe old age. We had many good times with your mom and dad.....In later years it was often that your dad would show up at our front door with his arms full of whatever was blooming and bring a giant bouquet of iris, peonies, lillies or other flowers. We served on the FOTEG board together and loved his wonderful commitment to the garden with his many, many trips to the Flint Hills bringing limestone to use in the landscaping. He was an amazing, giving man....with his work at Ken Berry and his work with Topeka Beautification and FOTGEG. God received him with open arms and he will continue his work in Heaven.

*Love to all of you Jane and Gary Hibbs*

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**Jane Hibbs** - April 09, 2018 at 02:31 PM



*Thanks, Jane. I know what good friends that you have been to my parents over the years. Dad was happy that you came to see him, recently. Thanks for sharing your memories.*

*Sherry Clayton*

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**Sherry Clayton** - April 10, 2018 at 12:52 AM

MM

“*Having known Jerold Binkley for a long time, we were saddened to hear of his passing and our condolences are with his many family members.*

*Jerry was always kind and helpful to me and I watched as he progressed to a more and more successful career in the automotive repair and service field thru his hard work and spirit of entrepreneurship. Over the years, his leadership skills in small business created many jobs and opportunities for Topekans. Jerold's hillside family home and his tulip gardens were truly amazing and brought much joy to so many. Also, Lake Shawnee and Tulip Time has been and still is a blessing to all of us. Jerold's charity and his good nature will still be with us every time we enjoy the spring season and nature's beauty."*

*Michael Martin*

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**Michael Martin** - April 09, 2018 at 01:26 PM

PE

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Binkley family. I went to college with their son, Mike. As someone whose parents were 550 miles away during the school year, my trips to Mike's home in Topeka were a nice cure for my homesickness. Both parents always made me feel welcome and the home cooked meals matched anything you would expect from a high end restaurant. I remember the countless trips Jerold made to our dorm on Sunday's to take us out for dinner in Kansas City. Eight years after we had graduated, I returned to the Binkley home on Easter Sunday. Nothing had changed. The same kind and generous spirit that made me feel so welcome in college was just as evident that Easter Sunday. Rest in peace, Mr. Binkley. Thank you for always welcoming me into your home.

*Pat Elliott*

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Patrick R Elliott - April 09, 2018 at 11:20 AM

LB

“ I was working at Heifner's Nursery when Jerold use to come in and get all the flower bulbs we had not sold. He was always so happy. I was delighted that he was from a small Jefferson County town as I was a close neighbor to Nortonville. I still drive by his former home where he shared his love for his garden and community. I look to see what is still blooming. May his desire for caring for God's gardens continue forever.

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Lois Beames - April 09, 2018 at 10:33 AM

CD

“ Jarod was one of the kindest men I have ever known. Brad and I knew Jarod during his days at "Binkley's." We always had one junker after another that he would take care of and take care of us in turn.

*Jarod, you will be remembered and missed! Rest in peace.*

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**cindy durbin** - April 09, 2018 at 10:02 AM

VP

“ On behalf of the Meade Flower and Garden Club of Topeka, we "tip our hat" for the flowers that he shared so that this city would be become known for Tulip Time. The beauty that abounds in many flower gardens around our city no doubt is due to his inspiration.

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**Virginia Eisenbarth, President** - April 09, 2018 at 01:59 AM

KD

“ Sherry, so very sorry to hear about your dad but reading all the nice things folks have to say about him and the beauty that he brought to this big old world, sounds like he lived a wonderful life and I bet the Lord has him busy planting right his minute.

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**Kelley Dickerson-Robinson** - April 08, 2018 at 10:50 PM



*Thanks, Kelley. I think we should watch a Royals game sometime soon together as we both liked to do with our dads. ⚾*

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**Sherry Clayton** - April 10, 2018 at 12:58 AM

GP

“ Jerry was my first bow. I was a Topeka High student. He was the nicest boy and a good friend. Every time I come home to Topeka I visit the lake. I enjoy the sweet statues and think of our youth. He has touched so many lives and only in a good way. Even though I haven't seen him for years, the next time I come to the lake, it won't be the same. Jerry has touched so many lives, please take comfort in the knowledge that God has a special place for him in Heaven. Our prayers are with you and your family.

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**Glenda (Lantis) Parlee** - April 08, 2018 at 06:18 PM

Jl

“ Jerald's was a life well lived.

*My condolences to his friends and family.*

*Jack E. Koehlar, I*



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**Jack E. Koehlar, I** - April 08, 2018 at 04:47 PM

MH

“ Jerold and I worked together when I asked him to help me when I was Designer Showhouse Landscape Chair in 1991. I was trilled that he agreed to help me. He was so good at landscape and a joy to work with an experience I will never forget.

*Marilyn Huncker*

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**Marilyn Huncker** - April 08, 2018 at 03:47 PM

DM

“ *Jerold was a kind and well respected man in this community. He was also a very devoted family man. He will be missed and admired. My sympathy to his family.*

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**Donna Mathena-Menke** - April 08, 2018 at 11:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerold A. Binkley.*



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April 08, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jerold A. Binkley.*



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April 08, 2018 at 09:40 AM

JH

“ *Jerold has given so much to our community, his presence will be so missed. He shared his passion for the beauty of nature with all of Topeka. Thank you Jerold and Rest In Peace.*

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**jan hutt** - April 08, 2018 at 07:25 AM

LJ

*My memories of Jerry go back so many years - I loved Jerry, his affinity for love, beauty and flowers. He always left me with a wonderful feeling of friendship. My heart goes out to his family who were so important to him. God gave us a blessing when Jerry was born - a gift of love. Leslie Roach Jolley*

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**Leslie Roach Jolley** - April 09, 2018 at 11:34 AM

BM

*Sherry, I didn't know your dad, but be assured of my prayers and the prayers of my Benedictine community in Atchison during this time of the loss of your dad. Sister Barbara McCracken, OSB*

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**Barbara McCracken** - April 09, 2018 at 12:16 PM

DR

*My husband and I were neighbors with Jerold for several years before he sold his home and moved away. When we first moved to our home and were new to the area, we decided to stop by some of the neighbors and say "hi!" and to introduce ourselves. When we stopped by Jerold's home, he invited us right in and we had a nice visit. We continued to visit whenever we saw him out in his yard and he would sometimes ride his lawn mower over to our yard and visit too. He also enjoyed sharing his beautiful yard and flowers with us. He was a wonderful neighbor and one of the nicest people we ever had the pleasure to know. Rest in peace Jerold. Prayers of peace and comfort to his family at this sad time.*

*Jerry & Dorothy Rappad*

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**Dorothy Rappard** - April 11, 2018 at 02:43 PM

PI

*Topeka is a more beautiful today because of Jerry's and Joan's efforts; they have generously given our community an immense gift of flowers and friendship.*

*Jerry will be missed by those of us fortunate enough to have known him and in the future thanked by the many thousands who will benefit from his generosity, hard work and artistic talent.*

*Pedro L Irigonegaray*

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**Pedro L Irigonegaray** - April 11, 2018 at 04:01 PM