



## John Gonzalez

July 25, 1962 - February 5, 2026

John Edward Gonzalez, loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away on Thursday, February 5, 2026, in Topeka, Kansas. John was born on July 25, 1962, to John and Carmen Mendez Gonzalez in Topeka. He graduated from Topeka High School in 1980.

John married the love of his life, Sheila Marie Weick, on November 16, 1985. To this union three children were born, Jessica, Janelle, and Nicholas.

John was a family man and a warm, welcoming presence to all who had the honor of meeting him. He was always there for all the people in his life, especially his wife, children, and grandchildren. He was truly a presence of safety, stability, comfort, and unconditional love. He fostered and cultivated an environment where his children and grandchildren could fiercely pursue their passions. He was loving, kind, and generous, not only with monetary possessions but with his love, time, and energy as well. He was the kind of man who would hear you needed help and be there for you immediately, he would hear your water was going to be shut off and ensure that did not happen.

John loved music, dancing, fashion, and was contagiously funny. He loved sports and was an avid Raiders, KU, and Royals fan. He coached various sporting teams for all his children. He was at every game, and even when he

wasn't the official coach anymore, he continued to coach at home for his children and his grandchildren.

John was also a careerman as a Lead Software Developer at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas for over 30 years before his retirement in 2022. He also volunteered a lot of his time at Jayhawk Theater, St. Matthew Catholic Church, and Meals on Wheels.

John is survived by his wife of 40 years, Sheila; children, Jessica (Shane), Janelle (Judah), Nicholas; grandchildren, Ophelia, Shane Jr., Silas, Francesca; siblings Vincent Gonzalez, Cathy (Jeff) Heit; and several nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Josephine Gonzalez, Anastacia Perkins, and Deborah Kyea.

Visitation will be at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614 on Sunday, February 15, 2026, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. with a reciting of the rosary to follow at 4 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, February 16, 2026, at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 2700 SE Virginia Avenue, Topeka KS. Inurnment will be a private event at a later date at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels in care of the funeral home. If you are not able to make a contribution, please cheer on the Raiders, Jayhawks, and the Royals in his honor.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **15**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

FEB **15**. 4:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church  
2700 SE Virginia Ave  
Topeka, KS 66605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Gonzalez*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - February 11 at 12:07 PM

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**The Trammells** - February 17 at 10:48 AM

LW

“ *My heart goes out to you. I'm so sorry. Praying for you. Sheila as you miss your husband and the kids and grandkids as you miss your dad and grandpa. May the good memories and strength of our Father God surround you* ❤️

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**Laurie Wayman** - February 15 at 05:45 PM

PF

“ *Janelle and family. My thoughts and prayers go out to you.*

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**Paul Forese** - February 15 at 09:53 AM

FF

“ Fred & Karen Kirchgraber and family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of John Gonzalez.



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**Fred & Karen Kirchgraber and family** - February 14 at 01:52 PM

MP

“ Dear Sheila and family, I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. So many memories come to mind. John (Junior from our softball days) was a great guy. I enjoyed his sense of humor and lightheartedness. Cracking jokes and his love for our Jayhawks. You will be missed John. I enjoyed following you on Facebook through the years.

*Mark Peralta*

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**Mark Peralta** - February 14 at 12:22 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. I worked with John for a lot of years at BCBSKS. He was always enjoyable to work with. He had a great smile and an easy laugh. John always spoke with love and pride of his wife and kids. I know John will leave a big hole in the hearts of his family. My deepest condolences, and most heart-felt prayers for your loss, Sheila and family.

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**Jackie Sutton** - February 13 at 07:59 PM

GM

“ *To Shiela and all of John’s family. I can’t begin to tell you how sad and sorry to hear of John’s passing. Friends like John are hard to come by. But he was more than a friend to me. He was my brother. I will always have fond memories of the times we had together. I will miss him terribly but he will be with me in my heart forever. Rest in peace my brother. I love you.*

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**Greg Martinez** - February 13 at 05:10 PM

SR

“ *John was a wonderful friend. Even after living in another part of the country for almost ten years, he would always check in on me and offer encouragement. May God's perpetual light be shining on his face right now.*

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**Sidney Rodriguez** - February 12 at 04:06 PM

MM

“ *I remember John from our early days together working in IT. He was a good and kind man and the world will miss him. He was and is always my friend. Go Raiders!*

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**Mark Maendele** - February 11 at 07:49 PM

SA

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**Sarah Adams** - February 11 at 04:57 PM

BP

“ Sheila and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I had the privilege of working with John at BCBSKS for nearly 25 years. He was well known and well liked, but more importantly, he was a genuinely good person who made a lasting impact on those of us who knew him. He will be deeply missed. You're in my thoughts.

Bob Pugh - February 11 at 04:06 PM

LL

“ Sheila and family, I am shocked to learn of this news. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family. John was a wonderful man. May many memories get you through the days ahead. With much sympathy, Jeff and Lisa Lummis

Lisa Lummis - February 11 at 11:09 AM

YF

“ Sheila & Family,  
We are sorry to hear about this sad news. Our connection goes back to when our son and Nick were at Hayden High School together. John was always a positive person, kind, and a supportive parent to his kids. Rest in piece dear friend. Steven and Yvonne Foerg

Yvonne Faye Foerg - February 10 at 10:15 PM

RB

“ Ron Bahre purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Gonzalez.



Ron Bahre - February 10 at 07:05 PM

RB

“ Ron Bahre planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Gonzalez.

Ron Bahre - February 10 at 07:05 PM

CC

“ Sheila & family, so sorry for your loss. JR was such a great person & friend. He will be missed. Alot of great times. Rest in Peace 🙏.  
Carol Cervantez-Martindale



Carol Cervantez-Martindale - February 10 at 05:21 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of John Gonzalez.



February 10 at 04:39 PM

FT

“ Sheila and family, I am sorry for John's loss. As I drift into memories of our friendship and our times at THS or elsewhere, I have been honored to have had John as a true friend. John had an arurra that connected with others by his warmth and humble soul, he was able to draw people to him making them fill like he was their best friend. Time and life will continue but it will be lonesome without him, I will miss my friend of the ages. Rest in peace Boomer

Frank Toledo - February 10 at 01:28 PM

RH

“ My sincere condolences. John was a friend since high school, hoy, hoy! He was always very kind and carrying. Never had a bad word to say about anybody.

He helped me after high school too with any technology questions I ever had and we had fun collaborating together on an idea I had for a phone app. He was always willing to help no matter how silly my ideas were.

The old saying that only the good die young is definitely the case with John. He was the best! Rest in peace, brother ❤️

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**Russ Hutchison** - February 10 at 09:15 AM

GF

“ Brother I remember so much from playing horseshoes in your back yard going to the magic store on Kansas Ave playing softball at the V.A. hospital. You was like a big brother. I'll never forget your laugh. You will be missed.

**RAIDER NATION FOR LIFE AND BEYOND!** Thank you for the times of laughter.

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**Gary Florez** - February 09 at 10:26 PM

LC

“ Sheila and family, my heart and prayers are with you and your beautiful family. John was always helpful and very nice to everyone that knew him. Lots of good memories at St. Matthew's with all of you and the kids growing up together. He will truly be missed by everyone. Clyde & Linda Criss and Shawnalee Criss Petty.



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**Linda Criss** - February 09 at 09:32 PM

PC

“ Great memories of you brother! Cant believe you're gone! We've had some great times thru the years! Just a few pics of good times! You're a good man & great friend brother! You the one i can always call on. Gonna miss you! Thanks for being there for me & my boys.  
Rock Chalk & Raider Nation  
Uncle Paulie (Paul Cervantez)



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**Paul Cervantez** - February 09 at 09:11 PM

BM

“ *BJ McGivern purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Gonzalez.*



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**BJ McGivern** - February 09 at 08:06 PM

LH

“ *I'm so sorry to learn of John's passing. My husband, Hugh O'Neill, always spoke very highly of him.*

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**Loretta Hoerman** - February 09 at 07:46 PM

TH

“ *I will miss you John Gon. It was a tremendous pleasure to have known you and been your friend. God bless you and your family. You are truly gone too soon.*

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**Todd Han** - February 09 at 07:38 PM

JP

“ So sorry to hear of your passing John. May you rest in peace and I'll play a round of golf with you when we meet in heaven.  
God Bless, Jim Phelps

James Phelps - February 09 at 07:26 PM

DM

“ I remember playing baseball with John. We played together on the Eagles at Lake Shawnee. He was a great ball player and great friend. I still have a team picture of us. Daryl Meredith

Daryl Meredith - February 09 at 06:46 PM



“ John was the best - heart of gold, always had a smile on his face, the strongest love for his family & a true zest for life. You'll be missed, my friend. Rest easy.

Lindsey Younger - February 09 at 06:25 PM

KR

“ John was one of my first friends I had at the first job I got out of college. His support has always meant so much, and I'm grateful to have witnessed it expand out into our community. May his legacy live on in the hearts of those he impacted.

Kelly Rippel - February 09 at 05:17 PM

JG

“ Love you, buddy.

Jennifer Goetz - February 09 at 05:04 PM

BC

“ *Miss you already. My best friend of almost 40 years and definitely my brother from another mother. You were unquestionably family to me. I will always look back fondly on the memories we shared. Love ya brother!*

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**Ben Coates** - February 09 at 04:24 PM

SP

“ *You will be missed Unc! I'll cherish all the memories that we shared over the years. Love Stephen*

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**Stephen Perkins** - February 09 at 03:50 PM