



## John Hurla

February 18, 1941 - November 25, 2020

John Anthony Hurla, 79, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Wednesday, November 25, 2020, as a result of COVID-19.

John was born February 18, 1941, in Topeka, the son of Anthony and Mary Miller Hurla. He was raised on a farm North of Topeka and attended North Fairview, a one room schoolhouse. John graduated from Hayden High School in 1958. Following high school, he worked at Southwestern Bell. John attended Spanish school in Puerto Rico and then volunteered for PAVLA in Venezuela. He taught welding in Mexico before returning to Kansas to work at the Santa Fe Shops and earn a bachelor's degree in criminology from Washburn University in 1973. John retired from the Kansas Department of Corrections. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, charter member of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church and the National Impala Association. John was a car lover, especially his 1961 Impala.

John is survived by his siblings, Margaret Montgomery, Michael Hurla (Judy), Stephen Hurla (Shirley), David Hurla (Kathy), Dorothy Hammer (Stephen), Carolyn Lawton (Alan), Louis Hurla (Kathy); and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Charlotte and Charles.

Visitation will be 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th Street, Topeka KS 66618,

with Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree rosary and chalice ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 3rd, at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church. Burial to follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Service will be streamed on the Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home Facebook page.

Due to COVID-19, masks and social distance are required.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth or Let's Help, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church  
2014 NW 46th Street  
Topeka, KS 66618

## Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Chalice Ceremony and Rosary

DEC 2. 6:30 PM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church  
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Topeka, KS 66618

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church  
2014 NW 46th Street  
Topeka, KS 66618



# Tribute Wall



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



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - December 01, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ *John Hurla*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *John is truly one of the kindest and most compassionate people you could ever meet. I met him through a mutual friend at KDOC. He was bright, articulate, funny, I'm cared deeply about his fellow human beings. With his passing the world has lost A truly beautiful man. Years ago I immortalized is 1963 impala and a painting. I thought of him about two weeks ago, and sent him a special prayer.*

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**Ginnie Schirmer** - December 03, 2020 at 01:14 AM

RP

“ I meant John through corrections with the Accreditation Process. He was truly one of the nicest, kindest and funniest people I have ever known. He was always very patient with all of the Accreditation Managers in the corrections system and we learned SO Much from him. Anyone who had the good fortune to know him was very Blessed indeed.  
Ruby Pflieger

Ruby Pflieger - December 02, 2020 at 05:44 PM

JB

“ Dorothy, sorry to hear of your brother's passing. Your family will be in my prayers. Jerri Artzer Blassingame, Hayden High School, class of '72.

Jerri Blassingame - December 01, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ To John's family: I am sure you will hear from many people who worked with John at the Kansas Department of Corrections. He was one of the kindest, gentlest, most affable people I have ever met. His absence will be felt by the many people whose life he touched. I will miss him.  
Roger Werholtz

Roger Werholtz - December 01, 2020 at 01:48 PM

JB

“ Sending prayers for the Hurla family. We know you will really miss John. He was a special man.

Jerry and Joyce Bausch

Joyce Bausch - December 01, 2020 at 08:18 AM

DT

“ Dorothy, Steve and Hurla family. So sorry to hear of your loved ones passing.  
May Our Lord comfort you all in your time of sorrow.  
Debbie and Gerry Tinsley

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**Debbie and Gerry Tinsley** - December 01, 2020 at 08:02 AM

HZ

“ John was a Classification Administrator at Lansing Correctional Facility, Deputy Warden of Topeka Correctional Facility and Corrections Manager for the Kansas Department of Corrections, heading its Policy and Accreditation Division. He was a highly respected, kind and hardworking correctional professional.



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**Holly Zane** - November 30, 2020 at 12:55 PM

NG

“ So sad to read of John's death. He will be missed by our church family. Prayers of comfort being sent for all of you. Nancy Groves

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**Nancy Groves** - November 30, 2020 at 12:30 PM

GD

“ I wanted to extend our sympathy with the passing of John. We thought the world of him and really enjoyed working with him when he was involved at Lets Help. He was always so kind to everyone and helped in any way he could. He will be missed but has earned his reward in Heaven.

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**Gary and Joann Dawdy** - November 29, 2020 at 02:52 PM

EB

“ To the extended Hurla family Jim and I wish to send you our sympathy in the loss of John, brother and uncle. He touched so many lives with his joy for living and kindness. I was privileged to serve both John and your mother, Mary, bringing them the Eucharist often. I remember sitting at your mothers home and John being there and listening to the stories of Mary raising all of you. Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers for Gods peace and comfort.

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**Evelyn Best** - November 27, 2020 at 09:15 PM

FW

*Will have a Mass said for him*

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**FR PATRICK WEDEKING** - November 30, 2020 at 10:08 PM