



John Paul Barber, Sr.

December 10, 1956 - March 6, 2022

John Paul Barber, Sr., 65, Holton, Kansas, passed away Sunday, March 6, 2022.

John Paul was born December 10, 1956, in Topeka, the son of Robert V. Jr. and Rita Brennan Barber. He was a 1975 graduate of Topeka High School. On July 3, 1975, John Paul and Julia Ann Cairl were united in marriage, enjoying 29 years together prior to her death December 26, 2004.

John Paul was employed as a Shawnee County Sheriff's Deputy for more than 30 years. Through the years, he also provided security for the Topeka School District and Grace Cathedral, where he was a long-time member. In retirement, he drove a school bus for the Holton School District. He enjoyed attending grandchildren's sporting events. John Paul was all about faith and family. He will be dearly missed.

Survivors include his children, Shawn Svoboda- Barber (Helen), John Paul Barber, Jr. (Erin), Howard, Fritz (Paula), Rusty Fritz (Tracy) and Laurie Ogle; 14 grandchildren, Dylan, Gavin, Kyle, Emilie, Aaron, Jordan, Dallas, Rylan, Zainder, Baker, Branson, Amelia, Luke and Nora; 11 great-grandchildren; his sister, Rita Ann Craig (Bill); and brothers, Rob Barber, Chris Barber and Danny Barber. John Paul was also preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Katie Pittaway, his son, Matthew Barber and brothers, Michael, Tim

and Mark Barber.

Memorial service for John Paul will be 1 p.m. Sunday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Inurnment will follow in Valencia Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Cathedral, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Valencia Cemetery

Topeka, KS 66615

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Paul Barber, Sr.



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - March 15, 2022 at 11:47 AM



“ John Paul Barber, Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about John Paul's passing. He was always so friendly and wonderful to work with when he was at the court house. I am sure he will missed dearly by all who knew him and to the family, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray you find some comfort during this very difficult time.

Tracy Martin Court Services - March 18, 2022 at 01:13 PM



“ John was a kind and caring man. He was always helpful no matter the task. I miss seeing him at church every Sunday and in between when he was providing security. I send thoughts, prayers and hugs to his family. Carolyn Jones

Carolyn Jones - March 10, 2022 at 11:09 PM

LG

“ John was always kind and considerate. I am thinking and praying for his family.

Linda Gallaway

Linda Gallaway - March 10, 2022 at 08:41 PM

RH

“ As an Assistant D.A., we were always happy when John was involved. Clean facts, no drama, good convincing testimony. Rest easy, good friend!

Randy Hendershot

Asst. D.A. (Ret'd)

Randy Hendershot - March 09, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Paul Barber, Sr..



March 09, 2022 at 05:41 AM

CR

“ John was one of the kindest men I've ever met. I can remember working with him on the afternoon shift at the sheriffs dept. John served as an example of how to treat people with respect and consideration. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

CHRISTOPHER D REYNOLDS - March 09, 2022 at 05:35 AM

MW

“ John paul was a very kind soul. I enjoyed working with him at the sheriffs office. I recall him riding with me on third shift when he was a cadet. My prayers to all family and friends that the Lord will give peace and comfort.

Mark Wanamaker

Mark Wanamaker - March 08, 2022 at 10:20 PM

MB

“ John was very special to us he was kind and caring and often helped us in many ways as a friend. We missed seeing him at church. I'm glad I sent him a card telling how we missed him

Marty and Jim Brewer - March 08, 2022 at 09:23 PM