



John Shellenberg

July 4, 2023

John Shellenberg, 57, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

John was born October 1965, in Topeka, the son of Patrick and Jacquelyn Shellenberg. He graduated from Topeka West High School and attended the University of Kansas. John proudly served our country in the US Air Force. While serving, he earned his bachelor's degree and was a member of Team Eglin AFB Mentor Motivator and Speakers Program. One of their activities was tutoring elementary school students and here, John found his love for teaching. He was a substitute teacher in USD 501 and 437, leaving lasting memories with his students. John's most recent role was as a para at Topeka West High School.

John is survived by his sister, Joni Merillat and her husband Dan. He was preceded in death by their parents.

He was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church and Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated there at 10 a.m. Friday, July 14. Inurnment with military honors will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to Midland Care Hospice or the American Cancer Society, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

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

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
5973 SW 25th St
Topeka, KS 66614-1973
(785) 273-0710

Tribute Wall

AK

“ Dear Joni and Dan,
I'm was behind on reading the paper and was shocked to see John's death. Running into him in the halls of WRHS, was such a sweet mini reunion! Crazy how his impish grin could take me back to him torturing us with his antics while playing at your house in grade school. It was so fun to see him and we would frequently chat when I saw him in the building. Just wanted to touch base to let you know I was thinking of you! Hugs! ❤️ Amy Kester-Niehaus

Amy Kester-Niehaus - July 19, 2023 at 11:47 PM

NN

“ Our sincere sympathy and prayers in the loss of John. I remember shopping at Walgreens on 29th and Gage where he worked part time. It was always good to visit with him and catch up on the Jayhawks. Of course we lived across the street from your parents.

May light perpetual shine upon him.

Norman and Nancy Nellis

Norman Nellis - July 16, 2023 at 12:07 AM

MD

“ I worked with John at Walgreens several years ago. We were all busy with our own lives but when we came in to work our shifts it was like we were all family. John was a great guy and always ready to help out one in need. I'm happy to hear he had gotten the teaching position he worked so hard for. I know he was a great teacher. May he rest in peace.

Maggie Durino - July 13, 2023 at 10:22 PM

BB

“ John was my K-12 classmate. Although we didn't keep in touch, I always considered John a friend. He was always kind and congenial. It sorrows me to learn of his passing. My condolences to his family as he surely is missed.

Brett Berry - July 10, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Shellenberg.

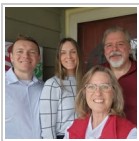


July 10, 2023 at 10:01 AM

NW

“ I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. I remember him from Eisenhower. He was so very nice and a great substitute. He will be missed by all.

Nancy L Whisler - July 09, 2023 at 03:49 PM



“ Dear Joni & Dan,
I am so sorry to hear about John's passing. When I think of John I think of him at all the KU games. He has the best seat in the house now. John was a sweetheart, that's for sure. Joni, I'm so very sorry. Sending you Love & Hugs, Diane Mosher-Kimsey and family

Diane Kimsey - July 09, 2023 at 03:41 PM

CM

“ *Joni and Dan---We send our sincere sympathy, love and blessings to you. May God's peace bring you comfort with memories of your beloved brother, John. Eternal rest grant to him.*

*Love,
Carole and Jake Mertz*

Carole Mertz - July 09, 2023 at 03:26 PM

NK

“ *Joni and family, I am so deeply sorry for the loss of John-thinking of you all* ❤️

Nancy Kohake - July 09, 2023 at 09:48 AM

AE

“ *John was a very nice, kind and hard worker as a substitute for 501. He was always willing to take on any assignments with a smile and patience. He will be greatly missed.*

Ana Escobar - July 08, 2023 at 08:10 PM

SS

“ *John was a very popular substitute and we often crossed paths checking in and out of the building.*

My deepest condolences to his family and closest friends. May he journey well...

ShaMecha King Simms - July 08, 2023 at 01:54 PM

SS

“ *Joni and Dan*

I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. I have so many fun memories of all of us together. Continued prayers to you at this difficult time.

Love you ❤️❤️

Suzann Novak Swale

Suzann Swale - July 08, 2023 at 09:00 AM