



John Tinsley

March 10, 1942 - April 3, 2025

John Wayne Tinsley, 83, Topeka, Kansas, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away Thursday, April 3, 2025, with his family by his side.

John was born and grew up in the Horton, Kansas area. He graduated from Everest High School in 1960 and played basketball while attending Highland Community College. John joined the Army National Guard and served in Vietnam achieving the rank of Master Staff Sergeant. On November 21, 1964, John and Sandra Kay Bunck were united in marriage, enjoying over 60 years together.

He worked for the Santa Fe Railroad prior to his active duty and upon his return, attended Washburn University where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. He was then employed by Falley's Inc. as director of data processing and accounting until that business was sold, but John remained in the food business until his retirement at the age of 80.

A member of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 534, John bowled on the Knight's team, Spazz Balls, for years. He was a lifelong Jayhawks and Chiefs fan. John never met a stranger – he knew someone wherever he went and the few times he did not he made new friends. John will be greatly missed.

Grateful to have shared his life are his wife, Sandy Tinsley; daughter, Kim Culliss (Brian); son, Kevin Tinsley; granddaughters, Ella and Alexandra Culliss; and his sister, Joan Kuck. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jim, and sisters, Marjorie Nigh and Jane Clement.

Family will greet friends from 5 until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where the rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 10, at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church. Cremation will follow with inurnment in Everest, Kansas at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mother Teresa of Calcutta Church Building Fund, sent in care of the funeral home.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **9**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

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Mass of Christian Burial

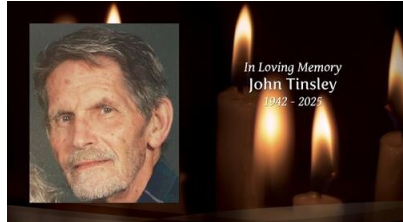
APR **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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 Tinsley



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 07, 2025 at 05:29 PM

VH

“ Sandy, I am so sorry for the loss of your dear husband, John. Don and I were blessed to have had you and John as neighbors. May God give you comfort at this difficult time. Virginia Hale

Virginia Hale - April 08, 2025 at 03:57 PM

KR

“ Dear Sandy my deepest sympathy to you and your family. I have great memories of times spent with you and John during the Falley years. John was a fine man and good friend to Lyle. Praying for peace for you. Sincerely Kay Rahmeier- Everitt 🙏

Kay Rahmeier-Everitt - April 07, 2025 at 11:43 PM

DN

“ Sandy, Kim, Kevin: my thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Diane Nicholson - April 07, 2025 at 07:07 PM

DN

Your Holly Lane Neighbor (Diane Kuhn)

Diane Nicholson - April 07, 2025 at 08:01 PM

AS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad and difficult time. We always enjoyed visiting with you and John. May he rest in peace. 🙏. J.P. and Alice Kay Smith*

Alice Smith - April 06, 2025 at 04:21 PM

SD

“ *So sorry to see of John's passing. I worked with him when he was at Falley's and I worked at Coca-Cola. Also enjoyed visiting with him at Knight's of Columbus when I worked there. Always a great man with a warm smile and greeting whenever I ran into him since those days. He will be missed.*

Sandra Lollar Dowell - April 05, 2025 at 11:49 PM

RP

“ *Sandy and family, we are so sorry to hear of John's passing. John and Ruben shared special times during their employment with Falley's. John was one of the first to befriend Ruben. Our children were the same ages and John was always interested in their lives. John will be missed. Our deepest sympathy, Ruben and Stephanie Perez*

Ruben Perez - April 05, 2025 at 10:32 AM

RB

“ *My deepest sympathy Kevin, and to your family, upon the passing of your father. I wish I could have met him because he sounds like a wonderful person. Eternal rest to him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Your coworker, Becki Balestrere*

Rebecca Balestrere - April 04, 2025 at 09:10 PM