



## Joseph "Joe" Grace

July 4, 1946 - August 19, 2025

Joseph "Joe" Grace, 79, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

Joe was born July 4, 1946, in Topeka to John and Marcella Puhl Grace. He attended Sacred Heart Grade School, graduated from Hayden High School in 1964 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Washburn University. Joe served our country honorably in the US Marine Corps and was awarded the Purple Heart. On June 28, 1969, Joe and Judy Kay Lambrecht were united in marriage at St. Joseph Catholic Church, enjoying 56 years together. He retired in 2002 with 30 years as a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

In his younger years Joe enjoyed golf and softball and as he aged he loved being with his grandchildren and watching their activities. Joe loved his family and friends and spending time with them. He will be greatly missed.

Joe leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Judy; sons, Bill (Jami) and Tim (Shantel); grandsons, Cooper, Leo, Sonny and Bear Grace; brothers, John, Tom, and Bob Grace; and sister, Mary Kay Hendrickson; and many nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Jerry Grace.

Visitation will be this Saturday, August 23, from 10 until 11 a.m. at St. Joseph

Catholic Church, where Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at the Church. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or to Sacred Heart-St. Joseph Parish, 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](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
227 SW Van Buren Street  
Topeka, KS 66603

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

UN

“ *We miss you grandpa*

unknown - May 16 at 12:08 AM

RB

“ *I worked with Joe at the Post Office as a Letter Carrier and liked him very much. He was good to work with. Sorry for your loss.*

Ralph Baumgartner - September 01, 2025 at 08:09 AM

RL

“ *Judy and family. So sorry for your loss. Joe was a special guy. We remember all our fun times we had together at Billiard Park with our kids and Hayden activities... You are in our prayers.*

Randy and Mary Lyden - August 31, 2025 at 03:33 PM

MA

“ *I met Joe when our sons were playing on the same basketball team. I must say he was one of the nicest guys I have ever met. My condolences to the Grace family.*

Mike Aldrine - August 23, 2025 at 10:48 AM

GC

“ *Judy, our thoughts & prayers are with you & your family.  
Jack & Gail Carlson*

Gail Carlson - August 23, 2025 at 08:53 AM

KH

“ Kathy and I were sad to hear about Joe. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Judy and family. He was special to us. I was in the Naval Hospital in Chicago with Joe. There were 5 of us Hayden graduates there, Joe, Larry Barnes, Dick Bond, Jim Gartner and myself. It was nice having guys we recognized from home. We did go out a few times together and had some fun. An important time in our lives. Judy and Joe were across the hall at Saint Francis with a new baby as we had a baby girl October 19, 1976. Memories!

*Kathy and Dave Hurla*

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**Kathy Hurla** - August 22, 2025 at 08:04 PM

JW

*I'm so sorry to hear this passing of Joe. I would have been there if I had known. I just now ran across this message that was posted online in classmate's.*

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**Jim Wedeking** - September 01, 2025 at 02:35 PM

KJ

“ I've known Joe and Judy a long time through Park Inn memories. Memories will always carry on always but, there was only one of Joe 🙏 Rest in peace. Kathy Jones



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**Kathy D. Jones** - August 22, 2025 at 04:03 PM

EM

“ Met Joe thru Gary Ingenthron back in high school. Always soft spoken and a polite person. My sincere condolences to Joe's family and friends.

*Eddie Michael*

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**Eddie Michael** - August 22, 2025 at 11:22 AM

KS

“ Judy, we are so sorry to hear about, Joe. I will always remember him out here at Western Hills every morning, mowing his way around the golf course. Our sincere condolences to you and your family. Sid and Karen

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**Karen Sheppard** - August 22, 2025 at 09:30 AM

MF

“ Wishing you comfort and peace during this difficult time

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**Marty Fletcher** - August 22, 2025 at 07:42 AM

DW

“ A lifetime together is never enough. May you and your family find peace in wonderful memories of times spent together.  
Dorothy Wiltz

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**Dorothy Wiltz** - August 22, 2025 at 07:36 AM

NS

“ Judy and family, my deepest sympathies to you and your family in the loss of your beloved Joe. Holding you all in love and light as I remember the gentle spirit I always knew Joe to be. May he rest in the arms of the angels.  
Nancy Shaughnessy

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**Nancy Shaughnessy** - August 22, 2025 at 01:00 AM

KK

“ May God be with the Grace Family in this difficult time. So Soory for your loss.

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**Kevin Kirmse** - August 21, 2025 at 10:48 PM

JW

“ Judy  
Sending heartfelt prayers in your loss.  
Judy Whisler

judy whisler - August 21, 2025 at 01:13 PM

GW

“ Judy and family, Jane and I are sad to hear of Joe's passing. He is, no doubt in a better place now. I'm sure St. Peter welcomed him at the pearly gates! Greg and Jane Warren

GREG WARREN - August 21, 2025 at 11:31 AM

SG

“ Tom and family....we are so sorry for the loss of your brother, Joe. Mark and I are thinking of you all with love..... Mark and Sharon Golden



Sharon L Golden - August 21, 2025 at 11:26 AM

DH

“ Judy and family — Jim and I were so saddened to hear of Joes passing. He was a great person and liked by so many. I know you all will miss him. May God bless each of you as you travel down this difficult road. May Gid bring you peace and comfort in the days ahead. Donna and Jim Harrington

Donna Harrington - August 21, 2025 at 01:15 AM

DS

*Dear Judy, Steve floated for Joe for 13 years over in Oakland, and always had the very best things to say about Joe. The world will miss this fine man, husband, father, grandfather and friend. May God bless all of you with beautiful memories.*

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**Deb Southerland** - August 22, 2025 at 04:43 PM

DG

*Joe was an older cousin and he was my idol . He came back from Viet Nam and never complained a bit . I achieved so much joy watching him play football at Hayden High . I wanted to be just like him . So sorry that he is gone .*

*Dan Grace*

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**Daniel Grace** - August 22, 2025 at 06:24 PM

RH

*To Judy, my best friend and classmate at Hayden. Judy and Joe were both my classmates and we graduated in 1964. Joe was a precious, good looking guy and all the girls wanted to date him. I remember him coming to my locker asking me about Judy since we were friends. Time brought them together as husband and wife. I send my love and prayers to the entire family on both sides. Joe will be missed but all the memories will be pages pressed between my mind. May eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

*RoseMary Custenborder Henley-Palmer*

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**RoseMary Custenborder Henley-Palmer** - August 24, 2025 at 02:06 PM

PP

*To Judy and the Grace Family-Deepest heartfelt condolences to you all. My best memory of Joe was he was our Postal Lettter Carrier in Oakland.-my dad worked with Joe many years. Thoughts & Prayers to all. The Pfeiffer, Linder, O'Gan Families*

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**Pat Pfeiffer** - August 25, 2025 at 12:45 PM