



Juan Sexton

August 2, 1950 - October 22, 2021

Juan Curtis Sexton, 71, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Friday, October 22, 2021. Juan was born August 2, 1950, in Salina, Kansas, the son of Arthur Curtis and Cleo Kathryn Watson Sexton. He graduated from Abilene High School in 1968 and earned a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Geology from Kansas State University. He was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity & a lifelong K-State fan.

Juan met fellow K-State student, Karen Francis while at a party in Topeka. He won a coin flip with a friend over who would approach her. This lucky result eventually led down the aisle. Juan & Karen were married on June 1, 1974, in Garden City, Kansas. This summer they celebrated 47 years of marriage. Juan and Karen had many adventures involving first their motorcycles then later transitioning to electric bikes. Juan enjoyed a number of hobbies. He made wine and one of his favorite homemade vintages he dubbed "Skeeter Pee". He enjoyed spinning fibers to make yarn & knitting. After Juan's family was properly outfitted, he donated his knitting projects to the Stormont Vail Cancer Center.

Juan worked as a Consulting Geologist for Barnett, Stuart and Dow for 17 years, then moved onto work for Tank Management Services, and finally retired from the State of Kansas in Environmental Geology.

Juan loved his family, friends, and particularly his grandchildren. His support was enthusiastic and endless. As a member of Topeka First United Methodist Church, he volunteered with Moving Ahead & was described as “a Warrior for Justice.” Juan also volunteered at Stormont Vail in various capacities. He would sit with patients so they wouldn’t be alone in their final moments. Juan himself was surrounded by his wife and sons at the end.

Juan’s humor, kindness, and zest for life will be missed, but his spirit & shared treasured memories will live on in those who knew and loved him.

Juan is survived by his wife, Karen; children, Scott W. Sexton (Wendy), James A. Sexton (Brook) and Ian C. Sexton (Arianna Punzalan); grandchildren, Drake and Alexandra “Allie” Sexton, Taylar Williams, Elise Cartolano, Ahryis, Jamie and Kai Sexton; and brother, Bernie Sexton (Mary Ann). He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Keith Sexton.

Memorial service will be 11 a.m. Friday, November 5th, at First United Methodist Church, 600 SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka KS 66603. Inurnment at a later date will be in Rochester Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kansas Equality Coalition of Topeka, Inc. and 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.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church and Chapel
600 SW Topeka Blvd
Topeka, KS 66603

Tribute Wall



“ *Juan Sexton*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Juan was my pledge father at the Phi Gamma Delta chapter at Kansas State University. We had many memorable adventures together. One of my favorites was being the designated driver using his car for one of the parties. My job was to ferry the drunk party goers back to Manhattan. The party was in a barn and the path to the barn crossed a creek. By the time Juan drove the car back to Manhattan at the end of the party the brakes were so wet they were pretty useless. Juan, Karen, my wife Nancy, and I along with our children shared meals together after we all settled in Topeka. He sang his favorite song about a cabarello. I miss him so very much.*

Don Daniels - November 04, 2021 at 08:42 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family during this sad time. Juan was on the interview team in BER that hired me 27 years ago (and I'm still there!). I enjoyed working with Juan there and upon his return to BWM.*

Debbie Parks - November 01, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ *J-uan (that was his nickname 50 years ago) was a treasured Brother of the Fiji house in Manhattan. Everyone enjoyed his companionship and his enthusiasm. He will be greatly missed. Jim Taylor*

James Taylor - October 29, 2021 at 08:07 AM

KM

Karen and James, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. I enjoyed knowing Juan over the years and will miss his bright smile and his kindness. God bless you all.

Kevin McDowell - October 31, 2021 at 01:24 PM

DS

“ Sending Love & Prayers,

Diana Sutphen (Tracie Harrison Thornton's Mom)

Diana R Sutphen - October 28, 2021 at 04:03 PM

SB

“ *I became a Facebook friend of Juan through another mutual friend. Turned out we have many similar opinions and takes on the world around us. I will miss his words.*
Stephen Bonebrake

Stephen A Bonebrake - October 27, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Juan Sexton.*



October 27, 2021 at 01:24 PM

KW

“ I don't have many personal memories of Juan, the ones I do are from when James would call him for “assistance” with a concoction and how quickly he would be there, partly as support, but it always felt like he was there mostly for bonding with his son, creating those memories, seeing his grandkids, and of course testing (sampling) the recipe. I may not have many memories, but the ones I do have are of a loving, devoted, fun, and adventurous man who was dedicated to family, faith, and friends.

Kevin Williams - October 27, 2021 at 12:50 PM

VD

“ Karen and family my prayers are with you. I enjoyed working with Juan when he was with Barnett, Stuart and Dow, He was always willing to put 100% effort on whatever he was asked to do, His humor was greatly appreciated and he will be greatly missed by all those who were blessed to have known him.

Verne Dow

Verne Dow - October 27, 2021 at 12:38 PM

RS

“ Karen and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Juan's passing. Got to know you two from riding our electric bikes. Juan never rode in a straight line. He enjoyed swaying back and forth. Told me it reminded him of how he rode a skateboard. I could tell he enjoyed riding his bike, as I'm sure he enjoyed his life. You will be missed Juan! Gods peace to you and your family.

Ron Shelton

Ron Shelton - October 27, 2021 at 06:45 AM

MB

“ I have fond memories of the day in 1983 when Juan and Karen joined First United Methodist Church. Juan will be missed. Karen, my prayers are for you and your family.

Merris Brady - October 26, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Juan Sexton.



October 26, 2021 at 09:34 AM

BB

“ Fond memories of Juan as a co-worker and friend. We enjoyed 2 group motorcycle rides - one from North YMCA and the other from the Helping Hands Humane Society. A man for all seasons, Juan ran a great race! Brian Busby

Brian Busby - October 25, 2021 at 04:26 PM

RC

I remember Juan as a cheerful co-worker when he worked at BER as chief of the UST permit program. He used to say "we push a lot of paper out the door to keep this place going." and always with a smile. See you in a better place! Randy Carlson

Randy Carlson - October 25, 2021 at 05:19 PM

DC

I am sadden to hear of Juan's passing he will be missed. Juan was my supervisor in the Underground Storage Tank program for many years. You have my deepest sympathy and my God Bless the Sexton Family. Debbie Clure

Debbie Clure - October 28, 2021 at 12:11 PM

AS

Juan was in the band during high school. He and I both played trumpet and would often times challenge each other for THE CHAIR. We would learn new songs and music He was serious about his music. Juan and I were both in the FIJI Fraternity in 1968 and he was a very good friend. Allen Switzer

Allen Switzer - October 28, 2021 at 09:36 PM

MT

So sad learning of the passing of Juan, I worked with him for so many years through KDHE and he was a very informative and easy to work with person, RIP Juan!!!

Mike Tabor - October 29, 2021 at 11:54 AM

JC

So very sorry to learn of Juan's passing. I worked with him for many years when he was with Tank Management Services! Always ready to assist in any way he could, no complaining and always a smile and a kind word. Prayers to his family as he is greatly missed!! 🙏❤️

Judy Conklin - October 30, 2021 at 04:46 PM

RJ

Karen, I'm deeply sorry to learn of your husband's passing. I never had the opportunity to meet Juan but as i look at his photo he looks to be a kind , loving and caring man. May God bless you and your family. and give to you an extra measure of strength, courage and faith during this time of loss.- R Jost

Richard Jost - November 29, 2021 at 05:19 PM