



## Keith Olson

August 31, 1943 - March 12, 2023

Keith Leon Olson, 79, Topeka, KS entered God's kingdom after a short illness on March 12, 2023. He was born August 31, 1943, to Dorothy and Chester Olson in Salina, KS.

He is survived by his wife, Dea; daughter, Cami Walker (Greg); son, Tyler Olson (Tammy); brother, Terrell (Karen); and grandchildren, Mena Walker, Carter, Brooklyn and Sawyer Olson.

A 1961 graduate of Salina High School, Keith went on to Kansas State University where he majored in accounting and business and met the love of his life, Dea, as well as many lifelong friends. He was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Following graduation in 1965, Keith and Dea Brown married and moved to the Kansas City area where he worked as an accountant for Deloitte Haskins & Sells. After a few years, Keith and his young family moved to Topeka where he served faithfully and tirelessly as a CPA and partner at Mize CPAs Inc., a full-service accounting and tax firm, for 46 years.

Keith was a devoted Kansas State athletics fan and booster, avidly attending football and basketball games, and other sporting events in his signature royal purple in either Manhattan, KS or on the road, wherever the Cats needed him

most. He also enjoyed travel, and spending time outdoors taking care of his home.

Keith's infectious personality, generosity and focus endeared him to many, enabling him to make friends in any situation. He will be missed dearly by his friends and family.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 18th at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka, KS 66614. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Interim Healthcare of Topeka and sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ Was very sorry to hear of Keith’s passing. Spent lots of time with his family as my Mom (RLou Stark) and his Mom were cousins. My Grandmother (Viva Anderson) was a sister to his Grandpa (Milton Gustafson). Condolences to all.  
Louise (Stark) Cooper

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**Louise (Stark) Cooper** - March 19, 2023 at 09:30 PM

JS

“ Jeff and Lori Schemmel purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Keith Olson.



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**Jeff and Lori Schemmel** - March 16, 2023 at 10:04 PM

RD

“ Very difficult to believe and understand! Keith, a true gentleman, one who enjoyed a good challenge, be it in his business, as a CPA, hotel entrepreneur, or setting at a local pub playing Gin Rummy! Member of the Metro Optimist Club, Keith was always involved with helping the club help Topeka youth! A true and good friend who shall be sorely missed! Dea and family, may God draw near to each of you during this time! Our love is with you Dea!

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**Rev. Daniel & Chearie Donaldson** - March 16, 2023 at 02:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Keith Olson.



March 16, 2023 at 02:19 PM



“ Keith was my lunchtime jogging buddy for 15 years. He helped me get into peak shape for my deployment to Iraq and sent me encouraging correspondence while there. How do you say thank you to someone who helped keep you alive and sane?

Roger Aeschliman - March 16, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Keith Olson.



March 16, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ Keith was influential in my career at Mize, and I will miss him greatly. My deepest condolences to all of his family.

Yvonne Brownell - March 15, 2023 at 08:43 PM

HB

“ I was on the Executive Committee for the Chateau Le Moyne as was Keith... I never had to worry about any elements, details or accounting for the Hotel - he represented his investor group and I ours. Keith was one of a kind - he did his way ...he was serious and diligent and reasonable and in addition to the Hotel meetings and performance we had a lot of laughs at local Restaurants in New Orleans...my condolences

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**Harry bookey** - March 15, 2023 at 04:45 PM

LW

“ We have good memories of sharing “family” celebrations with Keith and Dea through out the years. Keith always seemed to wear his infectious smile wherever. He was a passionate supporter of KSU, as we all know and hardly ever missed a football or basketball home games, season after season!! Our prayers of comfort offered to Dea, Tyler, Cami and the entire family! Eternal rest be granted to you, Keith, and the perpetual light shine upon you through the mercy of God! Rest in peace. Amen Leona and Bob Walrod

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**Leona Walrod** - March 15, 2023 at 02:59 PM

SD

“ Dea , Cami and Tyler, we are so sorry to hear of Keith's passing. He's been a good neighbor and friend for decades and we will miss seeing him. May your fond memories give you comfort. Ron and Stephanie Dean

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**Stephanie Dean** - March 15, 2023 at 12:39 PM

MO

“ Dea, Cami and Tyler, it breaks my heart to learn I won't see Keith again to reminisce about our nearly 40 years as colleagues and friends at Mize. Please know how grateful I will always be for the supportive, gratifying, fun work environment he helped create. Thank you for sharing Keith with us. I pray you'll find comfort in the positive difference Keith made in so many lives. Love to you all.  
Marsha Oliver

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**Marsha Oliver** - March 15, 2023 at 11:10 AM

GC

“ Dea and Family: Ed and I were sadden to hear of Keith's passing. Fond memories of seeing Keith and the entire family at KSU games.

One of Ginger's fondest memories of Keith was when Dea and she were on a road trip to Illinois with a stop at the outlet malls at Osage Beach. It was an overnight stay at the Sherwood Motel. Keith was so worried about the ladies safety as it wasn't one of the better motels. But, the price was right as the girls wanted to spend their money at the Ralph Lauren store. They were success and did spend the money! :)

May fond memories of Keith sustain the family in the days, months and years ahead.

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**Ginger Barr and Ed Carpenter** - March 15, 2023 at 09:35 AM

LC

“ Dea & family, I am very sad to hear about Keith, he was the best boss! He always had time to listen, help & put problems into perspective. I had great respect for him & never doubted his judgment. I will be praying for you and your family, for the Lord to give you comfort & peace. Love, Leta & Jack Collie

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**Leta Collie** - March 14, 2023 at 11:30 PM

DF

“*Doug Forsberg lit a candle in memory of Keith Olson*



**Doug Forsberg** - March 14, 2023 at 03:18 PM

JM

*Your loss is great but the memories of Keith will help along with the love and support of your family. I look back at so many fun times Jerry and I shared with Keith and Dea, traveling on great trips, ball games and so many times just being together and visiting. Dea, you and the family are in my prayers, Love you, Janet McElroy*

**janet mcelroy** - March 16, 2023 at 08:37 AM

KY

*Dea and family, I am so sorry to learn of Keith's passing. He meant so much to me over the years at Chateau LeMoyne. One time, I did something he didn't like and he called me and said, "OK, I'm going to talk to you like you were my daughter," it was the highest compliment he could have given me. I loved Keith. My condolences to you all. Love, Kathleen*

**Kathleen Young** - March 17, 2023 at 10:36 AM

RM

*Dea, Cami and Tyler. You've been in our thoughts and prayers since we learned of Keith's passing. He was such an important part of the leadership of the firm. I have many memories of the time we shared over the 30 plus years we were partners in Mize, Houser, CPA's. Take comfort in the special memories you share, and the expressions of love from family and your many friends. Bob, DeLoris and family*

**Robert Mehlinger** - March 17, 2023 at 02:07 PM

GH

*What a wonderful friend and partner  
When I was through a period Keith and Dea invited me to spend a  
week with them in Naples to provide encouragement I always enjoyed  
my time with them They were a wonderful family*

*Gary Heyka*

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**Gary Heyka** - March 17, 2023 at 07:02 PM