



## Kenneth Edward O'Brien

October 9, 1947 - February 29, 2016

Kenneth Edward O'Brien, 68, Topeka, passed away February 29, 2016, at St. Francis Health Center.

Kenneth was born October 9, 1947, in Parsons KS to Lawrence and Irene Brogan O'Brien. He graduated from Osage City High School in 1965 and Emporia State University in 1969. Kenneth married Carolyn Ramey. Kenneth served in Vietnam in the United States Navy. He retired from Kansas Automotive with 40 years of service. He liked sports, Nascar and drag racing. Kenneth was always ready to share a beer and an Irish fib with anyone.

Kenneth is survived by his wife Carolyn; children, Justin, Christopher (Cynthia), Lyndsey Brown (Robert); step-children, James Dreasher (Jana), Darcy McBurney (Larry); nine grandchildren; one great-grandson; siblings, Larry, Linda Getsinger (Jody), Becky Bartley, Susan O'Brien; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Robert Bartley.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Memorial service will be 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be sent to St. Francis Health Foundation Cancer

Center, 1700 SW 7th St, Topeka KS 66606, or, American Legion Post 400,  
3029 NW US HWY 24, Topeka KS 66618.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

MAR 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Edward O'Brien*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Carolyn,  
Steve & I just found out about Ken. Oh, I am so sorry. KAW and this world will not be the same without him. Oh my goodness. Love you.  
Roberta*

**Roberta Fazel** - March 10, 2016 at 08:28 AM



“ *So very sorry to hear that Ken is no longer with us. In spite of his illness, he heroically attended our Class of '65's reunion last summer, and I and others are so grateful that he made that effort so we could visit with him. He was such a dear person, a pleasure to know. Deepest condolences from Jean Barnes Ommerle*

**Jean Ommerle** - March 06, 2016 at 09:59 AM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth Edward O'Brien.*



March 04, 2016 at 09:57 AM

SW

“ Sorry to hear about Kenny. My thoughts are with your family  
Sharon Norris Wineinger

sharon wineinger - March 03, 2016 at 05:29 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the  
family of Kenneth Edward O'Brien.



March 03, 2016 at 03:47 PM

CA

“ I've known Ken for 10+ years and always liked talking to him and  
doing business with him. I know I will miss him and my sincere  
sympathies to his beloved family.  
Carrol Gudenkauf

carrol - March 02, 2016 at 07:21 PM

YW

“ Your Accounting Team at WellCare purchased  
the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of  
Kenneth Edward O'Brien.



Your Accounting Team at WellCare - March 02, 2016 at 05:19  
PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Kenneth Edward O'Brien.*



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March 02, 2016 at 06:22 AM



“ *Ken and I never met in person, but we shared a number of phone calls. During those calls he and I discussed family, military service and health issues. He always talked lovingly about his family, his desire to fight as long as possible to be with them - that's something we both experienced. He was realistic. I am honored to have had the opportunity to share our conversations. R..I.P*

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**Chuck Countryman** - March 01, 2016 at 11:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth Edward O'Brien.*



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March 01, 2016 at 07:20 PM



“ *Susan, Becky, Larry, Linda & O'Briens Families sorry for your loss. I hope you find comfort in your memories together.*

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**Consuelo Lira** - March 01, 2016 at 07:09 PM

Mary Buek

“ I remember Kenny and all the O'Brien family from the neighborhood. Sorry to hear of his death. My thoughts are with all of you, hoping happy memories will bring you some small comfort.  
Mary Buenger Buek

Mary Buek - March 01, 2016 at 06:52 PM

AN

“ Chris, we are thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Wishing you comfort and peace.  
Love, Frank and Angie Rosado

angie - March 01, 2016 at 06:27 PM

HF

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you Justin, Chris, and Lyndsey. Your Dad was always nice and fun to visit with. It seems not too long ago, we visited with him in the Dollar Tree Store.  
Henry and Rosie Falk  
Effingham

Henry and Rosie Falk - March 01, 2016 at 06:06 PM

CB

“ O'Brien Families,  
We are sorry to hear of the passing of Kenny. We are keeping our thoughts and prayers for the family and Kenny rest in peace.  
Nancy and Cary Bowlin



Cary Bowlin - March 01, 2016 at 06:04 PM

CA

“ Ken and I were buddies beginning in 7th grade through high school. What a wonderful guy. Always a comrade, always a true friend. I remember his laugh...and his stories. I will never forget our friendship. My condolences to his family. I know you miss him. I look forward to seeing Ken again.

*Charlie Anstrom*

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**Chuck Anstrom** - March 01, 2016 at 03:12 PM