



Kevin M. Brennan

May 2, 1951 - October 10, 2012

Kevin Michael Brennan, 61, Topeka, died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012 of lung cancer. Kevin was born May 2, 1951, the son of David P. and Mary E. Hefner Brennan. He was a life-long Topekan who attended Most Pure Heart of Mary Grade School and graduated from Hayden High in 1969. Kevin served in the US Army Reserve for six years. Thirty-five years ago, Kevin and Mary Halpin were married. She survives. In 1995, he was diagnosed with cancer and told that he would die. God chose otherwise and Kevin's doctors agreed that he had received a miracle. He retired from Southwestern Bell in 1999 with 30 years of service. In 2001, Kevin fulfilled his long held dream, and honored his grandparents, Matthew and Mary Ellen Brennan, and his father's memory, by continuing the Brennan legacy of providing excellent funeral service to the Topeka area. The only Brennans in funeral service in Topeka are at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home. He and Mary and two of their children operate their business with the promise of a Brennan at every service. Kevin was a parishioner of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus Council No. 534 and the James W. Gibbons Fourth Degree Assembly, the Topeka St. Patrick's Day Committee and the Topeka Cosmopolitan Club. Kevin was most appreciative of the additional 17 years granted to him by Almighty God and did his best to honor that gift. Left to cherish Kevin's memory are his wife, Mary; daughter, Jennifer Brennan Emmert, and husband, Mike, Topeka; daughter, Kate Brennan Weber, and husband, Monty, Great Bend; son, K. Michael Brennan II, and wife, Catie,

Olathe; son, Patrick Brennan, Lawrence; grandchildren, Michaela, Liz and Clare Emmert, Finley and Elliott Weber, and Declan Brennan; siblings, Patrick Brennan (Linda), Mary Beth Brennan (Randy Goldsmith), Kent Brennan, David Brennan, Jr. (Mary DeCoursey), Greg Brennan (Joy), and Kathy Whalen (Scott); brother-in-law, Denis Kenney; aunt, Leah Hefner; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, sisters and brothers-in-law. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Nancy Kenney, on March 4, 2012 and niece, Bridget Kenney. Family will greet friends from 2 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at his funeral home, Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614. Family will share memories at 7 p.m. A Fourth Degree Chalice Ceremony will be held at 7:30 at the funeral home followed by a rosary lead by the Knights of Columbus. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Kevin said, instead of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, the Marian Clinic and Birthright of Topeka. To read all of Kevin's story, go to caringbridge.org and log in with your email address and a password of your own choosing. His site name is kevinbrennan.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin M. Brennan*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Jennifer and the rest of the family,*

I just saw in the Dead Beat magazine that Kevin had passed away. Although I did not know Kevin personally I remember during school when your family decided to start the funeral home and then I kept up with you while it began to grow. I know being in the business you cannot grow a business with out caring about people. It is a testament to how well your family has done and I am sure it began with Kevin. Please accept my sincerest condolences in the loss of Kevin and continue to carry on his compassion and passion for the funeral porfession.

*Sincerely,
Cris Ford
Fellow student at KCK*

Cris Ford - November 27, 2012 at 02:01 PM



“ *He will wipe out out every tear from their eyes,
And death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain
be anymore. The former things have passed away. (Rev 21:4)
What a wonderful hope we have to look forward too.
These promises are true, and soon to be fulfill by our loving creator
Jehovah.
My sincere condolences.*

NiKi - October 30, 2012 at 10:20 AM

RF

“ Although we never had the pleasure of meeting Kevin, we knew he was surrounded by a loving family and staff which we had the opportunity to experience first hand when our loved one passed. We were given personal attention with such compassion that it felt like we were the only ones that mattered in that moment even though the Brennan's and their staff were dealing with their own issues during Kevin's illness. Our prayers and thoughts go out to all of you.

Richard Merrill's Family - October 23, 2012 at 06:32 PM

DB

“ To all the family,
The Brennan family treated our family in our time of loss like we were one of your own family. You made us feel welcome and helped us in so many ways. I speak on behalf of all of our family when we say Kevin was very special to us and always made us feel like a friend. We know how proud Kevin was of his family and the funeral home and how you all treat people. We will miss Kevin, but we will never forget him and what he and you all have done for us. He truly appreciated and enjoyed life and people. What a great legacy he leaves.

God bless you all.

Dan Brooks and family

Dan Brooks - October 19, 2012 at 06:06 PM

MC

“ Mary and family, so sorry for your loss. Thank you for sharing an awesome video. My prayers are with you and on behalf of my mother and my family I send our condolences to you. God bless you and keep you- Mary and Randy Clinton and all of the Anderson family

mary (Anderson) Clinton - October 12, 2012 at 03:24 PM

LC

“ To Mary and family -

What an awesome video - thank you for sharing! You all have been blessed with great times together - may those memories stay close to your heart. Kevin was such a wonderful person to all and he will be greatly missed in this life.

Hugs and blessings -

Lori Clinkinbeard

Lori Clinkinbeard - October 12, 2012 at 02:06 PM

H1

“ Dear Mary and ALL of the Brennan Family, It goes without saying that all of you have lost a wonderful person that you counted on daily in your life. He was someone that consistently had a smile for everyone ever since many of us met him at Hayden High School. Kevin was a hero to many, a mentor by example, a friend for life and he loved his family above all things. Everyone that knew Kevin was impacted by him in so many ways and we often wonder if he really knew that his mere presence in any room filled it with so much fun and love. He was dearly loved by all of his classmates from the Hayden Class of '69 and he will never be forgotten by any of us! Kevin will still be here in spirit guiding us along the way and we will hold all our memories in our hearts. We will all continue to say prayers for your family and we hope you are comforted knowing that so many people loved him.

Hayden High School Class of 1969 - October 11, 2012 at 11:22 PM

AS

“ we are so sorry to hear about kevin. we are sending prayers to your family. love and prayers, alex and becky schell

Alex & Becky Schell - October 11, 2012 at 05:44 PM

DV

“ I believe of all the things I've heard about Kevin the past couple days, there are three things that I will hold in my heart always:

- 1) "He really is a big deal!"
- 2) "He was a Legend!"
- 3) "He made everyone feel like they were his best friend!"

Debbie Viergever - October 11, 2012 at 03:32 PM

JM

“ MARY AND FAMILY - JUST FINISHED WATCHING THE VIDEO- HOW SO VERY SPECIAL!! WE ATTEMPTED TO COME BY AFTER WORK TONIGHT FOR THE VISITATION FOR KEVIN. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW WE WERE THERE IN THOUGHT. AS WE ATTEMPTED TO MAKE THE TURN INTO YOUR FUNERAL HOME DRIVEWAY AND SAW THE MANY MANY CARS AND THE MANY MANY MORE PEOPLE STANDING IN THE LINE OUTSIDE TO GET IN -THE OLD IRISH TOAST CAME TO MIND---"MAY YOUR HOME ALWAYS BE TOO SMALL TO HOLD ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS"! IT WAS INDEED-- WHAT A BLESSING AND TRIBUTE TO KEVIN AND YOUR FAMILY. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL.

JOAN WHITE /CAROLYN MAUER - October 11, 2012 at 02:26 PM

RW

“ Mary and family, Linda and I were saddened at the news of Kevin's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Kevin and I go back some 30 odd years and I am going to miss his genuine smile, positive outlook and approach to life. You and Kevin were a special comfort to our family when my brother Jerry passed away last winter. May God bless and comfort you all

Ron Willis - October 11, 2012 at 02:21 PM

JT

“ To all the family, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless,

Jackie Tannehill

Jackie Tannehill - October 11, 2012 at 02:14 PM

SG

“ *Mary, Jennifer, Kate, Michael & Patrick,*

Our condolences to all of you. We were so blessed to have known Kevin and to have been the recipient of his smile, laughter and zest for life. May he live on in each of you as all of you have been blessed with the grace of comforting others. May all of those whose life you have touched surround with with love and prayers.

Kevin...we will miss your smile.

Sarah & Dave Gigous - October 11, 2012 at 12:18 PM

KP

“ *Please accept our sympathies.*

KU Willed Body Program - October 11, 2012 at 08:45 AM

MB

“ Mary, Jennifer, Kate, Michael and Patrick! Thank you soooo much for posting the video of your family online. I watched the whole thing with joy and sadness! Seeing Aunt Mary and Uncle Dave again and just being able to live through these pictures your wonderful family life together. Thank you so much for sharing! I will so miss coming up to the funeral home to just hang out and visit and have Kevin give me a huge hug and then make a wisecrack or whisper some joke in my ear! He brought me such joy! Also, thank you all for increasing my faith these past few months. Your love for the Lord is truly amazing! Love you all, Marta Hefner Barron

Marta Barron - October 10, 2012 at 11:51 PM

JB

“ To The Brennan Family: We all mourn the loss of Kevin who was such a great family man and friend to so many. We send our love and deepest sympathy to you. Your family is so close and loving and will continue to carry out Kevin's dream of the Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home with the same grace and dignity that so many have been recipients of over the last several years. God Bless You All! You are in our thoughts and prayers!

Joe and Cheryl Burkhart - October 10, 2012 at 11:36 PM

BR

“ Dear Mary and Family:
You and yours are in my thoughts and prayers during this time from Kevin's passing. I'll always remember the time my friend Mack Smith (Mayor of Silver Lake and Executive Director of the Board of Embalmers) informed me Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home was formally in business. I know how long this had been a dream of Kevin's to have a Brennan back in the funeral business. Kevin had told me about renting (then buying) the location on the hill. I've enjoyed the times talking with Kevin, Mary

Billy Rork - October 10, 2012 at 10:36 PM

TS

“ *We're thinking about all of you. So sorry for your lost.*

Todd Shuford - October 10, 2012 at 08:51 PM

DC

“ *Please accept sincere condolences from the entire Crow Family. Since the early days on Plass Avenue, we have always treasured our friendship with Kevin. As a kid, the playground was always more fun when Kevin joined in. As an adult, Kevin's mere presence made any room brighter and friendlier. Kevin's kind and loving nature made the passing of our loved ones more bearable. Kevin ... we thank you for your friendship and for making the world a better place.*

Dan Crow - October 10, 2012 at 07:05 PM

PO

“ *We have so many memories of Kevin over the years. He was a special man. All of his friends at Porubsky's will sure miss him.*

Porubsky's - October 10, 2012 at 05:13 PM

MR

“ *To the entire Brennan family:
Our sincere sympathy at this time of sorrow, but now you have another special angel in heaven.
We will miss seeing Kevin and his sweet smile. Prayers for all.
Margaret & Jim Ringelman*

Margaret & Jim Ringelman - October 10, 2012 at 04:18 PM

CM

“ Mary and family, We all were saddened at the news of Kevin's passing. You all are in our prayers. Kevin and you blessed our family when we needed it the most! May all that compassion you have shared with so many, come back to you now. May all God's peace be with you and you family! Kevin & Cinnie (Thomas) McFarland & Julie Thomas and Gary Schreiner.

Cinnie McFarland - October 10, 2012 at 04:11 PM

C(

“ Mary what a beautiful video of Kevin, you and your family. Thank you for sharing it with us. It brought tears of happiness and sorrow to my eyes, for you and all the Brennan family. Kevin was so loved by everybody, he touched so many lives in such a positive way. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all today and the weeks, months to come. Kevin will be right there with you all!

Carol (simons)Main - October 10, 2012 at 02:01 PM

MC

“ Mary and family, Carol and I extend our heart felt sorrow of the loss of Kevin. Kevin was a unique person that brightened the lives of the everyone around him. We are fortunate to have you and Kevin be a part of ours. He is a friend that will be remembered for all the smiles he gave us. I shall miss him. God Bless Marty Coffman

Marty Coffman - October 10, 2012 at 10:58 AM

CB

“ My condolences on the passing of Kevin. He was a true pleasure to work with surrounding the services for my grandmother just a year-and-a-half ago. Our journey was made easier by his genuine compassion and obvious care for his calling in helping families through such a difficult time.

C Bird - October 10, 2012 at 10:34 AM

CS

“ To all the Brennan family and the staff of the funeral home -- I have never regretted choosing Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home when my husband, Duane, passed away so suddenly. Mende was such a great help to us and Kevin was right there with her. Your funeral home reminded me of the one in my hometown -- run by a very caring family and staff. You all comforted us at that time and even though I don't know any of you very well, I want you to know how sorry I am about Kevin's illness and death. Whenever I saw Kevin after Duane died, he always called me by name. He was a very special man! I know that he is now in no pain, the cancer is gone and he is happy in his heavenly home. My deepest sympathy to all of you and pray that you will find comfort in many good memories! God bless you all -- Charlene Swanson

Charlene Swanson - October 09, 2012 at 11:06 PM

RB

“ mary i am sorry to hear about kevin, he was a great guy. he was more than a friend he was thought of as part of are family like a brother to all of us. i will miss him a lot.

Richard Burghart - October 09, 2012 at 02:52 PM

JP

“ *Mary & FAMILY*
We were so sorry to hear of Kevins passing. Kevin and his staff provided such a wonderful service for our mothers. Kevin will be greatly missed in the Topeka community.
The Armstrong & Price families

JR & Betty Price - October 09, 2012 at 12:23 PM

JF

“ For the Brennan Family,

As the days and weeks pass and you return to lifes routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love of family and friends.

John Finucane - October 09, 2012 at 12:15 PM

TF

“ Dear Mary and family,

Our wish for you is that you find as much comfort from your friends and family as you gave to our family when Ivan Gish passed away. You have our condolences...heaven has gained a fine man. May you also find comfort in your memories and know that Kevin is still around you each and every day. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

The Ivan Gish Family - October 09, 2012 at 12:13 PM

CK

“ Brennan Family, We are sorry to hear about the passing of Kevin. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. He was an amazing, caring man with a big heart and great smile. Your family has always held a special place in my heart since my days at Hayden. He will be missed by many! God bless you all.

Carrie Kaberline (Steve, Donna, Karen & Keith) - October 09, 2012 at 12:11 PM

GW

“ The staff of the Carson-Wall Funeral Homes extends our deepest sympathy to the Brennan family. We have had several occasions to work with Kevin and have appreciated his commitment to providing high quality funeral service to the Topeka community. God Bless you all as you continue the dream that Kevin had.

Gary Wall - October 09, 2012 at 11:07 AM

MW

“ *The O'Connor's are sure thinking of you all and have you in our prayers. What a great guy! Kevin and the entire family/staff have been there for us in the past during the passing of our father and sister. Kevin and Mary's genuine kindness and concern came through and made us feel better during those most difficult times. Last month when we lost our brother Jerry during what was surely the hardest time ever for your family, the staff again did a wonderful and professional job. The gentleman who picked him up from the hospital was so kind. The office staff answered all of our questions, Mende helped us write the perfect obituary, put together a great video, helped us with the flowers and the music. The entire service from start to finish went beautifully. Everyone there is so kind and caring. Mende thought of everything all the way down to the soft chair for our mother at the rosary. The staff is so professional while truly caring. Kevin was obviously a great teacher, has put together a winning team and it is very clear that his dream will live on.*

Mary O'Connor Worthington - October 09, 2012 at 10:52 AM

PM

“ *Mary & Family - Kevin was a winner in life and an inspiration to those who knew his story. As to his death .. I think of the part of the poem that the nuns made us read a long time ago.*

*One short sleep past, we wake eternally,
And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.*

Pat Macfee

Pat Macfee - October 09, 2012 at 10:47 AM

CS

“ *Mary and Family, I was saddened to hear of Kevin's passing. All of you have helped so many of us through our most difficult times with love and compassion. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Cathy Schmidt - October 09, 2012 at 10:14 AM

MA

“ *To Mary, Devoted wife and Brennan Family, I'm sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. Last year in October, Mary, Kevin and Family were consoling me and my family for the loss of Bill, my husband and sole mate. This year I'm consoling you and your family for the loss of Kevin. Neither of us could ask for them back to go through the pain they both suffered. Kevin, is now the head "Guardian Angel" on the Hill. I had the pleasure to know Kevin from when he was in 4th grade (onery). The honor to watch him progress from that onery boy to a young man (still onery) with a family to a Very successful business man. I have told Kevin several times how proud his Grandfather and Dad would be of him and all of your family for carrying on the Brennan Funeral Home business. You are all in my prays and thoughts.*

Class of "67"

Marge(Walters)Cooper - October 09, 2012 at 08:47 AM

RR

“ *Kevin was such a bright light. We are so blessed to have been touched by his upbeat positive approach to life. We at Resting Tribute would like to give Mary and the Brennan family our deepest sympathies.*

Joe Nobo, Rich Renew, Bill Fuerst, Wes Smith, Curtis Chrisco, Jake Sacks

Rich Renew - October 08, 2012 at 10:41 PM

SS

“ *Mary and the entire Brennan Family,
I send my condolences and prayers. Kevin was a kind and
compassionate man and will be greatly missed in the Topeka
community. I worked with Kevin as a hospice nurse and with the
passing of my father-in-law, father and husband. Furthermore, I had
the privilege of taking care of his mother at the Hospice House and
was with her when she passed. I pray that God will hold each of you
in the palm of His hand, soothing your loss.
Fondly,
Sandra Schumacher*

Sandra Schumacher - October 08, 2012 at 08:49 PM

MF

“ *Mary and Family...Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this
difficult time. Knowing that he is at peace and in no more pain...is
comfort for all. May He Rest In Peace...*

Mike, Laura Browne and Family - October 08, 2012 at 07:43 PM

CH

“ *Dear Kate, Jennifer, Micheal, Patrick and Mrs Brennan. I wanted to
let you know how sad I am about Mr. Brennan passing. When I saw
his picture I remembered what I great Dad he was. You could
always feel the love in your family, he had such a great smile, was
always kind to me, and I remember lots of laughter in your home. I
always loved coming over to play. Those things are never forgotten.
I send my love to you all- and my condolences*

Carmen Hesse - October 08, 2012 at 06:38 PM

DT

“ *Mary and Family,*

Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Kevin was a dear friend for many years and we have some fond memories from the past.

Dick and Dorothy Taylor - October 08, 2012 at 05:59 PM

SF

“ *Dear Mary and Family,*

Please know that you and your family have always held a special place in our hearts. We are deeply saddened by Kevin's passing. Also know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers and that God will comfort and guide you through this difficult time. Though words of comfort are hard to find, we hope you take solace in knowing you are surrounded by family and friends who are here to share your burden.

Love you

Gordon and Eleanor Slusser

Michelle and Matt Broxterman & family

Kellie and Chris Lundry & Family

Troy and Trudi Slusser & Family

Slusser Family - October 08, 2012 at 05:08 PM

AM

“ *Mary, Kate, Michael, Patrick and family,*

I was deeply saddened to hear of Kevin's passing. I have so many special memories of Kevin and your wonderful family and will always cherish your warmth and caring and the way you always made me feel a part of your family. You can truly celebrate Kevin's beautiful life. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless You All! Annette

Annette McNaul - October 08, 2012 at 05:04 PM

LG

“ *Mary and family, Our sincere sympathy goes out to all of you at this difficult time. You are in our prayers. Linda's Home & Garden, Kimberly Swick and Albert & Linda Carlson*

Linda's Home & Garden - October 08, 2012 at 04:17 PM

MW

“ *Your family took care of ours when we lost our grandparents. We lift your family up in prayer at this difficult time and ask that God gives you comfort.*

Mary Walker - October 08, 2012 at 04:11 PM



“ *Mary & Family - Kevin was a gift given to us for a short period of time. All of you have been so giving to sooo many of us during our time of need and sorrow... Rest assure that all the prayers and thoughts that go to you and the family could lift KBFFH closer to heaven than ever on your hill! Our thoughts and prayers go to you all!!*

October 08, 2012 at 03:04 PM

RA

“ *Mary and family, I was truly saddened of hearing of the passing of Kevin. I have known Kevin for over 40 years through the Army Reserve and as a fellow employee at Southwestern Bell. Kevin has been a best friend to me for all those years. He will be sorely missed. May God bless and comfort you all.*

Randy Alfrey - October 08, 2012 at 03:00 PM

RC

“ Mary, I have enjoyed reading all these accounts of how you and Kevin have helped us all over the years. You helped us say goodbye to both my Mom and my Dad; now it is my turn to help you say goodbye to Kevin. Just know that there are many, many of us who are right there beside you now. The Lord bless you and your family. Thanks to both you and Kevin for being the people you are. I look forward to seeing Kevin again; we can compete with the one liners Mende mentioned!

Russ Conroy - October 08, 2012 at 02:54 PM

SK

“ Mary and family, I am very sorry for your loss. Kevin was very supportive of my family when we lost my mom and dad a few years ago. He was very kind to us and a real gentleman. I also have fond memories of him from our Hayden High School days. You and your family are in my thoughts at this sad time.

Susan Caywood Klein - October 08, 2012 at 02:53 PM

KL

“ Oh My, our dear Kevin... we are so sorry you and your family are dealing with this. Unfortunately we are too familiar and send our deepest sympathy and many, many prayers for peace, faith and understanding. See you Wednesday evening.

Ken & Ruth Latshaw - October 08, 2012 at 01:52 PM

JB

“ Mary and children, we are so sorry to hear the loss of wonderful Friend. My girls, Tina, Amber Patrice, Sierra and I will keep all of you in our thoughts & prayers. Juanita Bradley (Bryant) FAMILY.

Juanita Bryant Bradley - October 08, 2012 at 12:46 PM

WM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Your friends at Warren-McElwain Mortuary, Lawrence

Warren-McElwain Mortuary - October 08, 2012 at 12:29 PM

MB

“ I am honored to be a part of the Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home. In my years working here Kevin not only made me laugh (many times and at his expense) but taught me about dignity and compassion. He allowed me to be myself and trusted me. That in itself is an honor. He along with Mary and Jennifer helped me to fulfill my dreams and become a part of the funeral profession. For this I am grateful and humbled. Kevin's absence here has left a big hole in lots of hearts. But I know that because of him we will continue to take care of people just as we have. **THAT WILL NEVER CHANGE.** When I think of him, I think about all the good memories and times like when he would hand me money and say “bring back my change, don't be like one of my kids” or on our many out of town trips he would make me drive so he could “close his eyes”. His many jokes and “one- liners” were something you could always look forward to, and if I ever made a mistake, I certainly didn't want him to know about it because he would never let me forget it. He will be missed but I know our Heavenly Father has him wrapped up close and that one day we will all be together again. Much love and peace to you all.

Mende Barnett - October 08, 2012 at 12:28 PM

EH

“ Our prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Kevin was a wonderful person and his endearing qualities are reflected in your lovely children. Your relationship as a couple is one that I would strive to emulate. May God comfort you and be with you and the entire Brennan family.

Ed & Jeanine Heinisch - October 08, 2012 at 11:39 AM

AL

“ Mary and family,

I was sorry to learn of Kevin's passing. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you. May God comfort you and grant you His peace.

I'm hugging you with caring thoughts, and my mom sends hugs and prayers also.

Amy

Amy Ledom - October 08, 2012 at 11:23 AM

WH

“ Mary and family, We were so surprised when we read about Kevin's passing. We have seen him many times over the years and he always looked great. What a fine and happy man to be around. He will be missed by all, especially that big smile that was with him at all times. He'll be remembered by all who knew him and you and your family will be in are thoughts and prayers.

*Our condolences,
Warren and Bonnie Howard*

Warren Howard - October 08, 2012 at 11:22 AM

SC

“ *Mary and Family...Words alone cannot express how deeply sorry we are for this tremendous loss to your family. Four years ago, your family helped us with funeral arrangements for my dad, Bill Griffin, who at the young age of 62 died from lung cancer.*

We will never forget the kindness that Kevin showed our family. He was truly a gentleman in the most respected sense of the word. We want you to know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We will never really know why God seems to choose the good ones to come home way too early, but find some comfort in knowing that some day we will all understand the bigger plan that He has for each of us.

As you move forward with the days, please know that you are all loved...and not alone. Kevin's kindness and generosity touched many many people. His legacy lives on in the family he created and the business that was his dream.

We are all better people because we were blessed with knowing Kevin. Thank you for sharing him.

Stacy Griffin Combs, Ardith Griffin, Keith & Rochelle Griffin and Matt & Stephanie Griffin

Stacy Griffin Combs - October 08, 2012 at 10:34 AM

JS

“ *Mary and Jennifer, I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Kevin was so very sweet. It was a pleasure getting to know him during my practicum course there at your funeral home. My prayers are with you and your entire family.*

Jamee Scott - October 08, 2012 at 10:20 AM

CH

“ *Mary, and the whole Brennan Family - I'm so sorry for your loss. Kevin was such a wonderful man. God bless, Chrystine*

Chrystine Hannon - October 08, 2012 at 09:22 AM

SC

“ *Mary and family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days to come. Kevin was a wonderful man and will be missed by many.

*God Bless You,
Steve and Vickie Chaffee*

Steve/Vickie Chaffee - October 08, 2012 at 09:20 AM

PG

“ *I was saddened to read of Kevin's passing. As a pastor, I led in a couple of funerals at your funeral home. Kevin and each of you family members and staff were very good and kindly to work with. Even though I did not know Kevin very well at all, I have good memories of his gracious spirit. Please be assured of my prayers for you folk at this time of Kevin's loss.*

*Sincerely,
Pastor Steve Gee
Rossville, KS*

Pastor Steve Gee - October 08, 2012 at 09:20 AM

PO

“ Mary, Jennifer, Kate, Michael, Patrick, all the family and all the staff at KBFFH- my sincere wishes for all of you to navigate through this difficult time. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and know that you will remember the all good times with Kevin for many years to come.

Patrice O'Hara, Collette Pomeroy and Caitlin Howey

Patrice O'Hara - October 08, 2012 at 09:05 AM

TF

“ Mary and Family our thoughts and prayers are with you. Kevin was a wonderful person and will be missed by so many. Comfort will come through family and friends. Please know we are all here for you.

The Bill Craig Family - October 08, 2012 at 08:53 AM

KB

“ Dear Mary and family, Our hearts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. There has never been, nor will there ever be, another person on earth like our Saint Kevin. May the angels wrap their wings around you and God grant you and your family peace.

Kaye Brown - October 08, 2012 at 12:37 AM

SS

“ Dear Brennan Family, My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I pray that the fond memories that you had as a family, carry you through the difficult times.

Sheryl McCaffrey Scharf - October 08, 2012 at 12:31 AM

JF

“ Our deepest condolences to Mary and the family during this time of loss and grief. I was shocked to see Kevin's obituary in the paper today. I learned to know Kevin while working with him in SWBT. We also met at numerous functions here in Topeka after his retirement. What a pleasurable guy! But most of all, he made such a difference in the preparation and conducting of my daughter Cheryl's memorial (also death by cancer) a year ago ... so attentive and accommodating. Our heart felt prayers and sympathy to each of you in the absence of this stalwart Saint. Our loss is His gain!

Jim Froese Family - October 08, 2012 at 12:07 AM

SM

“ Dear Brennan Family - I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You have been there for so many, my family included. God Bless, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sharon McCaffrey-Riese - October 07, 2012 at 11:41 PM

MV

“ Mary & Family,
We are so sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I had such a great conversation with him at Jerry and Linda's party. He had such a wonderful attitude. He was so wonderful at both of my Grandmothers funerals. He will be truly missed!

Mike & Mary Ann Bennett, Virginia Beach, VA - October 07, 2012 at 10:13 PM

BS

“ *Mary and family,
Sincere sympathy to you and your family. Kevin came to our home after he retired and fixed our phone line problems which involved getting under the deck. He was a wonderful person with unlimited talents.*

Bobbi and Jim Showalter - October 07, 2012 at 10:07 PM

JS

“ *Matthew 22:37-39. Come's to Mind When I Think of Kevin. Love GOD, Love People. Kevin Lived Up to These Commandment's. I Never Heard Kevin Complain but Did Hear Him Speak of His Blessing's,His Faimly. Kevin Will Be Truely Missed.Kevin was Thier For Me and So Many Other's, May the LORD be With Your Family at this Time of Sorrow.*

Jim Seery - October 07, 2012 at 09:42 PM

MY

“ *My dear, sweet Mary. There is a hole in our heart, with the loss of Kevin. I believe that you, the children, and your wonderful family trust that Kevin has been delivered to his Father in Heaven and no longer endures the struggles of his Cancer. Kevin's consideration and patience, as well as his ability to make me laugh when everything brought tears to my eyes, will never be forgotten. He also impressed me when I bumped in to him shopping for Thanksgiving at Dillon's. I told him then, and I mean it no less now, that he's a trend-setting man! My entire family feels his loss, and will "tuck you in our prayers." Our love and support is and forever will be yours!
Love and peace, The Mark Young Family*

Monica & Mark Young - October 07, 2012 at 09:05 PM

AP

“*Kate, Monty and girls and Brennen family. Sending our sympathy and praying that memories of your dad get you through this difficult time. We are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers. Give Finley and Elliott a hug and kiss from us. Love you.*”

Abe, Nona and Amanda Prosser - October 07, 2012 at 07:14 PM

MS

“*Brennan Family- I had the pleasure of knowing Kevin in the early 80's at the phone company. As stated before you all have done so much for so many people at the time of loss, it is truly time for you to feel the love and support around you at this time. Please know so many in our community have you in their thoughts and prayers. God Bless and rest in peace Kevin*”

Mary Beth Saric - October 07, 2012 at 06:55 PM

PJ

“*Mary and Family, My heart aches for you, Kevin was just an excellent person. He helped us greive thru the loss of our Dad and brother, Mike. I know that God has been waiting for him with opened arms. May the LOrd touch your hearts at this time of your loss. Kevin will be greatly missed.*”

Patti Cameron Jackson - October 07, 2012 at 03:33 PM

BI

“*My condolences to Mary and family. I have always enjoyed visiting with Kevin at the credit union when he came in. I will keep your family in my prayers. I am very sorry for your loss.*”

Brian Inloes - October 07, 2012 at 02:23 PM

TO

“ To the entire Brennan family: I am so sorry for your loss of such a great man. I got to visit with Kevin and Mary at NCCU and enjoyed each time they came in. I know Kevin was loved and will be missed by many. May God Bless you.

Twila Oestmann - October 07, 2012 at 01:26 PM

JM

“ Kevin Brennan and your staff were so helpful to me and my family at our loss last year, and to that of a friend recently.

We want you to know how sorry we are for Kevin's passing...he will be sorely missed.

Jim Marvin,Sr. - October 07, 2012 at 01:16 PM

DR

“ Mary and family, my deepest sympathy on the loss of Kevin. I worked with him for many years at Bell. He was always a good friend and made us laugh in our morning meetings before we left for our daily work assignments. I was glad to see him open the Funeral Home when he retired and doing so well. So sorry to hear of his passing. Sending prayers for a dear friend and all his family.

Debbie (Greene) Ramirez - October 07, 2012 at 01:05 PM

CB

“ i would like to say how sorry i am about your husband and mary i will keep you and your family in my prayers connie

connie bird - October 07, 2012 at 01:02 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless you all.

Joyce Brown - October 07, 2012 at 11:32 AM

JJ

“ Brennan Family~I am so sorry for your loss as well as the loss to the Topeka community. Kevin was a fine man. I enjoyed getting to know him while serving on the First Tee committee. I pray for peace for you all as you celebrate his life.

Julie James - October 07, 2012 at 10:22 AM

PK

“ Please know that all of you will be in our prayers, we loved Kevin's laugh. When he laughed you couldn't help but laugh with him. All our love and prayers, The Kents.

Patti Kent - October 07, 2012 at 10:20 AM

MB

“ My note is especially for Mary and Jennifer. I was always proud to work with you. Even though I worked for another funeral home I knew there was a place on the hill that offered fine funeral service and had remarkable people. Kevin was a critical part of that team. The Topeka community will miss him as will you family. Jennifer: I still think of our remote relationship with the Emmert name that we share.
You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Merris Brady - October 07, 2012 at 10:18 AM

DD

“ Mary, Jennifer and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Kevin was a wonderful, caring man and I know he will be missed. The caring all of you gave to Pete when his father passed and then only 3 months later the compassion and care Kevin and all of you gave me and my family when Pete died was beyond amazing to me. Not sure I ever properly thanked you then...but I hope you knew how wonderful we thought you were. May Kevin rest in peace with the love of the Lord surrounding him and may God watch over your family now and forever.

Debbie Beam Davis - October 07, 2012 at 10:17 AM

MJ

“ Mary and family,I am so sorry for your loss and know Kevin is in a better place pain free now. I am so glad that I ran into Kevin a couple months ago at CVS and we had a good conversation. I have to travel out of town this week but wanted you to know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Donna and Kirk Jones and Family

M. Kirk Jones - October 07, 2012 at 10:02 AM

CG

“ We didn't know Kevin personally. I worked for Pat many years ago so we know some of the family through my employment with Pat. We are sorry to hear of Kevin's passing but know that he is enjoying his walk with the Lord. We will continue to pray for each of you.

*IN OUR LORD'S WONDERFUL NAME,
Chet and Connie Gardner and family*

Chet Gardner - October 07, 2012 at 09:31 AM

JF

“ All of our thoughts and prayers to Mary and all of the family! Will always remember him as a wonderful man who helped so many people and also his great sense of humor! He always had a great joke to tell! God Bless!

Jack and Brenda Freeman - October 07, 2012 at 09:03 AM

DR

“ Mary and family".....you are in my prayers.....

Doug Renbarger - October 07, 2012 at 08:33 AM

AC

“ Mary and family. I just read that Kevin had passed. I am so very sorry for your loss. Kevin was such a great person. I always loved in when he came into the credit union...was always so happy and had that big smile on his face. I loved visiting with him. We won't be able to make it too the funeral, but please know that you all are in our prayers and I thought about you all very often. You and Kevin were both so kind to me and he will be greatly missed. Love you all.

April (Dominguez) Carnegie - October 07, 2012 at 12:25 AM

MS

“ Dear Brennan Family - we are so sorry for your loss. You are all such special people and help so many through tough times in our lives. Your family makes everyone feel special and listen to us all like you have all the time in the world for us. I hope we can all return this to you and make you know how much we care about all of you. What a great man Kevin was and what a special angel you all have now.

Melonie Schmittlein - October 06, 2012 at 11:50 PM

DM

“ Mary and family i am sorry to hear of your loss.I remember the day you took care of Matt.The caring that was given words cannot describe.

Daryl Meredith - October 06, 2012 at 11:01 PM

LM

“ Mary, Kate, and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Laura Mann - October 06, 2012 at 10:11 PM

BB

“ Mary: We offer you and the kids our deepest of sympathy. I heard the news at church tonight and could contain the tears. I thought back to our days at Assumption when Kyle and Pat were in school together and all the fun we had. Then when my Mom died of Lung Cancer. Even thou I had made the arrangements, you and Kevin where so kind even when I changed her music 100 times!! Then, I thought about the Lung Cancer. No one knows what it is like unless you go thru that with someone. My heart is heavy for you. I cherished the time that God gave us together just to say all that needed to be said. For us, Time was a Gift. You and Kevin have been with many of families as they grieve, now it is our turn to return the favor. We are here for you Mary. God Bless. Mark and Becky Burghart

Becky Burghart - October 06, 2012 at 10:07 PM

SF

“ *Mary, we are flying out of Seattle and will be in Topeka Tuesday and Wednesday. I will be able to say "fair winds and following seas" to my great friend. Please know that you all are in our hearts, thoughts and especially our prayers.*

Steve and Nancy Fisher

Steve Fisher - October 06, 2012 at 09:59 PM

MB

“ *Mary,
I am so sorry to hear about Kevin's passing. I won't make it up for the funeral but I'll be thinking of you and praying for Kevin and your whole family.*

Margaret Falley Bartell - October 06, 2012 at 09:09 PM

PO

“ *Mary and family, may you look to your memories with Kevin for comfort.. and to your family and friends for understanding, and to your Faith for hope and peace. Knowing that Kevin has helped so many families in their time of grief must make all of you proud. May God hold you in the palm of HIS hand.*

Patrice McInerney Ostmeyer - October 06, 2012 at 08:51 PM

LP

“ *Mary, Jennifer, Patrick, Michael and Katie*

Our prays are with you at this time as they have been thru Kevins' sickness. I will always have a special place in my heart for Kevin. He was a great person with a smile for everyone. We know Kevin is in a better place and will be looking over all of us left behind. God bless you all and keep you in his hands.

Larry and Kay

Larry and Kay Payne - October 06, 2012 at 08:49 PM

BA

“ *I use to live directly across the street from Kevin & his family on Lane st...He was such a nice man & his kids were always respectful, even if we didnt conversate much..Just a very loving family.I was totally unaware of his situation..I just lost my pops on xmas eve, so I can only imagine what the family is going thru. I would like to send my condolences to his kids & espically his wife that always had a smile on her face...My family just found out 2 weeks ago my younger brother thats 32 has cancer....When i saw the word it hits home..CANCER.sucks..I will say a prayer for all of you & wish you well in your healing process...*

Ben Alexander - October 06, 2012 at 08:43 PM

LH

“ Please accept our condolences. Kevin and the Brennan family made two of the worst days of my life bearable, saying goodbye to my Father and later my Mother. My prayers for you for continued faith in our Lord to help through this difficult time. Your family holds a precious place in the hearts of many.

The top of hill is where the angels live and may they remain there always to help your familyin the same way you're family has for so many..... with our most sincere sympathies.....

Lori Power-Harris and Randy Harris

Lori Power Harris - October 06, 2012 at 08:41 PM

LL

“ Kevin and your family were there for me in my time of need for both of my parents. Mary and family, Kevin always had a infectious smile on his face and was so caring and thoughtful. I hold you all dear to my heart. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Laura Lolley

Laura Lolley - October 06, 2012 at 08:20 PM

BE

“ I am deeply sadden by hearing about his passing, and will be praying for the failmy for strength in this time.

Bryant, Sarah and Cassidy Emerson

Bryant, Sarah and Cassie Emerson - October 06, 2012 at 07:34 PM

AA

“ Mary, it is with sadness that Adrian and I read of Kevin's passing. Adrian wished he would have seen him once more simply to share a joke. Although we will miss him, we know he is no longer suffering. For the angels on the hill, we know that one has re-located. But will forever be around. May God comfort you today and in the days to come.

Adrian & Tish Alcala - October 06, 2012 at 07:24 PM

PH

“ Brennan family, my sympathy is extended to all of your family. I worked with Kevin at SWBT he would talk to me about how he wanted to own his own funeral home so there would be a Brennan Funeral home as his family had in the past. He also wanted to help his children in the business. He was so proud of them. I was happy for him when he told me he was retiring to start the business. It was nice to see him have his dream. You will all be in my prayers.

Paulette Hafenstein - October 06, 2012 at 07:02 PM

TS

“ Mary and family, our hearts are torn with the lose of our great friend. Me he rest comfortably in the arms of OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

Tom and Rose Smith - October 06, 2012 at 07:01 PM

SV

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. Kevein was a special man and will never be forgotten. Love, The Vermillion family

Suzie Vermillion - October 06, 2012 at 06:51 PM

SW

“ Dear Brennan family,

I did not know that Kevin had been ill because whenever I saw him he was always so chipper and friendly. I went to Boswell Junior High with Kevin long ago and always enjoyed visiting with him over the years. Heaven has gained another angel but he will be missed on earth by many.

I so sorry for you loss.

Susan Winter

Susan Winter - October 06, 2012 at 06:24 PM

PF

“ *Mary and family. Please know that you are in Janet and my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. I will always cherish Kevin's friendship, and his support of the St Patrick's Day Committee here in Topeka. Kevin was a very caring man who was always concered about the health and welfare of others.*

Pat Finan - October 06, 2012 at 06:20 PM

JS

“ *Mary and family,
My sincere sympathy is extended in this time of sorrow. You will be comforted knowing that Kevin is with the Heavenly Father, and all of the family members that have gone on to Heaven. What a wonderful celebration is taking place right now to welcome Kevin to his heavenly and eternal home.*

Julie Spencer - October 06, 2012 at 05:32 PM

JR

“ Our condolences to Mary and all of her family. With the passing of our parents, we received such comfort from Kevin and Mary as they led us through those difficult times. As your family prayed for us, we will now pray for you in the loss of Kevin, such a wonderful man. God bless- Janet and Mark Reynolds and all of the Morrissey family.

Janet Reynolds - October 06, 2012 at 05:05 PM