



Lawrence "Larry" Herbers

July 24, 1942 - February 6, 2026

Lawrence Herman "Larry" Herbers, 83, Topeka, Kansas, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on Friday, February 6, 2026.

Larry was born in Wichita, Kansas, on July 24, 1942, the son of Sylvester and Pauline Frischenmeyer Herbers. He graduated from Winfield High School and went on to play football at Arkansas City Community College and baseball at Wichita State University. Larry proudly served in the Kansas Army National Guard.

He married Sonya Ojile in Wichita, Kansas, on November 26, 1966. Larry dedicated 32 years to the Kansas Highway Patrol, retiring with the rank of Master Trooper. Following his retirement, he continued his commitment to public service as a security officer for the Kansas Attorney General's Office.

An avid golfer, Larry enjoyed playing often and was a proud member of the Kansas Senior Golf Association. He was also an enthusiastic supporter of Kansas State University athletics and rarely missed an opportunity to cheer on the Wildcats. Larry was a loving grandfather who took great joy in attending his grandchildren's activities, especially baseball, gymnastics, and Washburn football.

Above all, Larry was a devout Catholic whose faith was central to his life and

guided him in all he did.

Larry is survived by his wife, Sonya; daughters, Shannon Peavler (Mike) and Shelly Blanding (Mitch); grandchildren, Danielle Peavler, Whitney Maniscalco (Michael), Brooks Peavler (Rachel), Brent Peavler, Brianna Blanding, and Dalton Blanding; great-grandchildren, Quinn, Emma, and Vincent; and brothers, Don Herbers (Mona), Tom Herbers (Shirley), and Chuck Herbers (Linda); along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Robert Herbers.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, KS 66614, where the rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 13, 2026, at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th Street, Topeka, KS 66618. Private entombment will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church or the Kansas Troopers Foundation and sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
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Rosary

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Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church
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Tribute Wall

SC

“ I was so sad to see this. But as I read the tributes I ended up smiling because each one touched on what a blessing Larry was to so many. I was lucky enough to meet him when he was security at Memorial Hall and no matter what you were spoken to and like one said you always walked away Happy! He just had a way about him that made you feel special that he took time to share a moment with you.

I can only imagine to those who got to spend a lifetime with him how hard and difficult this time may be for you, but how blessed you have been to have this wonderful man grace your life for as long as you had him. I share my deepest condolences and I'm truly sorry for your loss!

With great respect RIP!

Susan Croucher - February 16 at 09:32 AM

MS

“ To Sonya, Shannon, Shelley and the Herbers extended family I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Larry. I had the utmost respect and fondness for Larry as my neighbor over 50 years ago. He and Sonya were wonderful neighbors. Larry was always willing to give a helping hand to our children when crisis happened after I left for work. I'll never forget his kindness and his smile. He will be missed.
Mary Ellen Slattery

Mary Slattery - February 12 at 09:42 PM

LF

“ To the Herbers family, I am sorry for your loss. Larry was one fine fellow.

Larry Fox - February 12 at 08:51 PM

JL

“ I was Larry’s last supervisor before his second retirement from the Kansas Highway Patrol at Troop K. As a blue coat, one of many, highly experienced previous retired law-enforcement officers, we used and abused Larry in many buildings along with many other good men just like him, with never a complaint.

Mostly he and many of his coworkers, made my job so much easier with building coverage and changing schedules. Larry would continued to promote the same values of the Kansas Highway Patrol with any agency or public contacts that he made. Always the professional.

And really, what a great guy. For me, it was a privilege to work with him, and the other “Blue coats”

After he retired he would meet up with a few of us “ Old guys” for breakfast every other month or so. He would occasionally miss some breakfast during nice weather because he said he was required to play golf!

Larry was a Grade-A man, and will be missed. Godspeed

Jeffrey Lee. Ret KHP

Jeffrey Lee - February 12 at 05:31 PM

RG

“ Our sympathies to the Herbers family! Larry & his family are long time family friends. I served as an altar boy at Larry & Sonja’s wedding. Larry was a great individual and friend to many! Wishing you peace at this very difficult time.

Randy & Mona Groene

Randy Groene - February 12 at 05:15 PM

RH

“ I was blessed to know Larry. What a wonderful man. To me he was my example of what a great man and great friend was like. Never heard him say a negative comment about anyone. RIP my friend

Rick Henderson - February 12 at 04:10 PM

WA

“ Larry was one of my best friends. I will never forget him. Walt

Walt - February 12 at 03:07 PM

PB

“ Our deepest condolences from Winfield
Pat & Kristi Biddle

Pat Biddle - February 12 at 12:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Lawrence "Larry" Herbers.



February 11 at 07:05 PM

RF

“ I briefly worked with Larry on the turnpike shortly before he retired. I remember giving him a hard time because I came on the patrol in 1990, but was born in 1966 (I believe he came on in 65). As he was going through his old day books I had him go to the day I was born to see just what the heck he was doing that day! He was great to work with and I never heard a bad word about the man. Years later after I left the patrol I was lucky enough to see and visit with him when he was working as a blue coat in the AGs office. What a great man! I give my condolences to his family!

RC Filson

Ryan Filson - February 11 at 12:07 PM

LN

“ Lee Bob, Jennifer, Leo, Max and Natalie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" Herbers.

Lee Bob, Jennifer, Leo, Max and Natalie - February 11 at 10:24 AM



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SI

“ *Schwieterman Inc. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Herbers.*



Schwieterman Inc. - February 11 at 09:37 AM

SP

“ *StFrancis Cardiac Rehab staff & patients purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Herbers.*



StFrancis Cardiac Rehab staff & patients - February 10 at 05:15 PM

DS

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Larry's family. I was fortunate to know Larry and blessed have him as a friend.*

Doug Seaton

Doug Seaton - February 10 at 02:19 PM

TM

“ *My heart goes out to the family of Larry Herbers. Danial Miller, my late husband, worked with and loved Larry. I hope they are catching up in Heaven.*

Tootie Miller

Tootie Miller - February 10 at 12:44 PM

DM

“ Our sympathy and condolences to the Herbers family. I was in Larry's KHP class in 1965.

Dale Moore

Dale Moore - February 10 at 12:22 PM

PR

“ Sonya, I was so sad to hear of Larry's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Pam Rios & the staff at Advance Rehabilitation

Pam Rios - February 10 at 11:24 AM

SE

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Herbers family. Larry was not only a wonderful North Topeka neighbor but a devoted husband, father, and grandfather whose kindness touched everyone around him. We will dearly miss him—his warm smile, his sharp sense of humor, his steady presence, and his generous, giving nature. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Steve, Mendy, Lauren and Grant Ebberts - February 10 at 11:02 AM

DS

“ Unfortunately I never knew Larry very well. We met through our usher duties at MTC. But whenever we did have a conversation, be it how sincere he was or his great sense of humor you always felt happy when walking away. He will be greatly missed.

Dennis Steinlage - February 10 at 10:42 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Herbers.*



February 09 at 10:46 PM



“ *Jeff Teri Carson & Tegan Engroff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" Herbers.*

Jeff Teri Carson & Tegan Engroff - February 09 at 10:46 PM



“ *Larry and several patrolmen would stop by on Friday at my shop. it was always a pleasure visiting with Larry. he sure had us laughing at times. many of my turnpike runs we could meet for cup of coffee and a few stories of our week. after selling shop and my traveling we would only see each other once in a while. i took Larrys advise when i tried to play the game of golf. Just buy the round and give up the game. to this day i don't get the urge thanks for the memories LARRY. condolence for the family and his many friends*

Walt Sullivan "Walts Auto Body" - February 09 at 06:35 PM



“ *Worked with Larry from time to time at the JC as a blue coat. He was in fact a fine fellow and a class act. Condolences to the family.*

Larry Maple

Larry Maple - February 09 at 05:50 PM

DM

“ Larry was a class act and one of my favorite guards at Memorial Hall. My deepest condolences to his family.

Diane Minear - February 09 at 05:18 PM

RÍ

“ Ruben Lopez: what nice individual to get to know, and play golf with. He will remain with me always especially when I am on the golf course.

Ruben López - February 09 at 10:18 AM

DC

“ Larry was one of the best, nicest & funniest Troopers I had the privilege of working with. He could always make the other side of the radio ease up in potentially serious situations and would randomly pick up the office phone, call dispatch and spread laughter. Rest easy, Larry. Prayers and condolences for your wonderful family.

Dottie Conboy - February 08 at 02:06 PM

RS

“ Played golf twice a week for years, he was the kindest laid back man you'll ever meet fun times, gonna miss you my friend!

Richard Schiefelbein - February 08 at 12:19 PM

JA

“ I met Larry when worked as a "Blue Coat" at Memorial Hall and visited with him at Hayden FB & BB games and WU FB games. He was fun to be around and could dish it out. I will miss seeing him. Condolences to Shannon and the family.
"Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace" 🙏🙏🙏

John Anguiano - February 08 at 11:56 AM

AC

“ Thinking of you all and sending you prayers for peace and comfort during this time of grief.

Alicia Chidsey - February 07 at 02:26 PM