



## Louis Bruno

August 29, 1931 - March 6, 2020

Louis Daniel Bruno, 88, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Friday, March 6, 2020. The son of Pasquale and Rosina Bruno, he was born August 29, 1931, in the Bronx, New York. Lou graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx and attended Iona College in New Rochelle, New York before being drafted into the U.S. Army. While stationed at Fort Riley, he met the love of his life, Shirley Kowalski, they married June 18, 1955, beginning a love affair lasting nearly 65 years.

After his military service, Lou earned a chemistry degree at Emporia State University and continued to the University of Kansas, where he excelled academically as a member of the Rho Chi Society, completing a pharmacy degree and forevermore a diehard KU Jayhawk.

Lou dedicated his life to serving others through his profession as a pharmacist at Jayhawk Pharmacy, St. Francis Hospital, Seacrest Drug and the Veteran's Administration Hospital. He was active in the Topeka community, participating in the Amerita Club, Optimist Club, Knights of Columbus and Christ the King Catholic Church, singing for many years in the church choir.

Lou leaves a legacy of love, family, faith and fun. He was a dedicated, involved and ever-present husband, father and grandfather, and generously shared his passion for music, singing, swimming, sports, puns and bad jokes.

Lou is survived by “his bride” of nearly 65 years, Shirley; children, Therese Mosiman (Todd), Melinda Stanley (Doug), Marcia Soetaert (Allan), Tom Bruno (Shawna); grandchildren, Taylor Roholt (Chris), Rylie Ferrill, Summer Stanley, Ethan Stanley, Blake Bruno, Olivia Bruno, Ava Bruno, Lindsay McDonald (James) and Jarod Mosiman (Tressia).

The rosary will be prayed at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 19, 2020, at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka KS 66614, where visitation will follow until 10:30 a.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated privately Thursday. Private inurnment in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Midland Care Hospice or KTWU sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Louis Bruno*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Lou was my preceptor while I was in pharmacy school. He continued to be my mentor during the years I worked at the VA. (1974 1984) He had so many great stories. I was impressed about how many chemistry equations he remembered. He and Joe Saia tried to teach me a lot of Italian phrases. Lou was so patient and kind to me. Darrell Desch was the first pharmacy technician I worked with. Gruff but so nice. I have often told my own students that Lou set a high standard for preceptors. I wanted to let his family know that I certainly appreciated him while I worked at the VA. (also a Jayhawk!!!)*  
*Cathy Thrasher*

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**Cathy Thrasher** - April 15, 2020 at 08:55 PM

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“ To Shirley, Theresa, Melinda, Marcia and Tom. I offer my sincere sympathies on Lou's passing. He was a good friend and even better mentor and I benefited greatly by working with him. As everyone he had contact with knows, he was a joy to be around. He always had an interesting experience or story to share for every situation, meeting or encounter. I loved to hear him talk about his days growing up in the Bronx, his Dad's bar and the Yankees he met. He once reached into his wallet and pulled out a worn and torn picture of he and a couple of friends, probably taken in the early 50's. You have probably seen it many times. They were wearing trench coats and looked like characters from a Jack Kerouac novel. I remember feeling honored that we were good enough friends that he shared that with me.

I loved Lou's jokes and since I heard them many times they have become part of my vernacular, to share with whoever needs a good laugh. Even my wife Linda spouts some out occasionally. His overwhelming interest and love however was for you five, his wife and children. A more loving husband and prouder Father I have not yet met. I am including some photos of Lou and a few VA coworkers back during better days. This is how I want to remember him.

*P.S. Thanks for letting us all know about the change in funeral plans. That was very considerate.*

*Now, do you remember the one about the two ladies on Bourbon street 😊*



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Greg Laird - March 18, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Louis Bruno.*



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March 17, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ *Shirley and family, we really enjoyed the stories he would tell at the Amerita parties. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.*

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**David and Debbie Parks family** - March 16, 2020 at 05:38 PM



*So sorry for your loss. With our sympathy & prayers*

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**Bob & Linda Shippy** - March 17, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ *Marci and all the family, You are in my thoughts and prayers during your time of loss. Lisa Hockenberry*

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**Lisa Hockenberry** - March 16, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ *Thank you for your military service to our Great Nation.*

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**Mike Simmons** - March 15, 2020 at 02:44 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We were neighbors for years and Tom is very special to us. We are sorry for your loss.*  
*The Fiegers*

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**rich &laura fieger** - March 15, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Louis Bruno.*



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March 14, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Louis Bruno.*



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March 10, 2020 at 08:36 PM