



Loyal Yarnell

June 2, 1938 - October 31, 2018

Loyal Yarnell, age 80, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, in Topeka.

Loyal was born June 2, 1938, in Vinita, Oklahoma, the son of Hugh Yarnell and Dorthy Yarnell Wallis, the seventh of nine children. His mother married widower, Homer Wallis, who had nine children, and they eventually moved to White City, Kansas. Here, Loyal attended high school playing six man football, basketball and track. During the summers, he traveled back to Oklahoma to work his uncle's ranch and returned with new school clothes and a little money. Sixteen students comprised Loyal's graduating class with whom he developed life-long friends who remain in close contact still today. After graduation Loyal joined the Navy, serving four years during peacetime between the Korean conflict and Vietnam War. On multiple destroyers, he saw much of the world sailing the Mediterranean Sea, crossing the equator and passing through the Panama Canal.

After returning from his service Loyal met the love of his life LouAnn LaRue in Chanute, Kansas. They married on August 30, 1963. Loyal worked construction, installing power line poles along Highway 75 in southeastern Kansas and other areas in northwestern Arkansas. In 1968, Loyal started with Goodyear allowing him to spend more time at home with his young family. With the exception of a few prolonged Union strikes, Loyal remained at

Goodyear for 33 years until he retired at age 63.

Loyal demonstrated a work ethic of sacrifice, working the graveyard shift for extra pay and as much overtime allowable to provide for his family's needs. When not working, his family was his priority. Loyal rarely missed attending his kids' activities, mostly involving athletics.

He enjoyed coaching Ken Berry baseball/softball in the summer and Optimist basketball in the fall. In 1975, he volunteered and served as Ken Berry groundskeeper, enhancing the ballpark with the installation of new batting cages. Loyal was most passionate about coaching girls fast pitch softball for the Lady Royals.

Loyal and LouAnn spent their retirement years traveling the United States. Their travels included working in and exploring Yellowstone, being "Winter Texans", and cruising the Caribbean, Alaska, and Hawaii.

Loyal is survived by his wife of 55 years, LouAnn Yarnell, Topeka; son Lyndall Yarnell (Dawn), Topeka; daughter Latisha Zeferjahn, Topeka; son Lucas Yarnell (Kelly), Olathe, Kansas; grandchildren: Kailey Searles (Darren); Ryan, Lauren and Nathan Zeferjahn, all of Topeka; Kendall and Zack Yarnell, Olathe, Kansas; brother Wayne Yarnell (Peggy), Ozark, Arkansas; sister Irene Bammann (Bud), Walnut, Kansas; and four step-siblings.

Loyal was preceded in death by his father, mother, three sisters and three brothers.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, November 4, 2018, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m., Monday, November 5, 2018, at

Fellowship Bible Church, Topeka. Burial will follow in Mission Center Cemetery (NW corner of 29th and Urish Road), Topeka.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or Great Lakes Caring Hospice, sent in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Mission Center Cemetery

29th and Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

NOV 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

Fellowship Bible Church
6800 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66615

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Loyal Yarnell



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - November 04, 2018 at 11:16 AM



“ Loyal Yarnell

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Many good memories of teaching the Yarnell children while teaching at Pauline Central Elementary School. It is always sad to have the family circle be broken.

Janet Flowers

Janet Flowers - November 07, 2018 at 01:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Loyal Yarnell.



November 06, 2018 at 03:57 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Loyal Yarnell.*



November 03, 2018 at 11:22 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loyal Yarnell.*



November 03, 2018 at 05:13 PM



“ *Lyndall and Dawn, we are so sorry for your loss. Your fond memories of Loyal will bring you peace. Stephanie and Ron Dean*

Stephanie Dean - November 03, 2018 at 10:16 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loyal Yarnell.*



November 02, 2018 at 07:17 PM

EM

“ Lucas and Lyndall,
Our prayers are with you and your family on the passing of your
dad. May He Rest in Gods Eternal Peace.

Eddie Minor - November 02, 2018 at 05:40 PM

TM

“ LouAnn and Family, So sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and the
whole Family during this time of sadness.

Ted and Rick Miller

Ted Miller - November 02, 2018 at 04:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Loyal Yarnell.



November 02, 2018 at 03:18 PM

MF

“ LouAnn, Tish, Ryan, Nathan and Lauren, thinking of you all and
sending my prayers. Loyal was such a wonderful person. I always
enjoyed talking with him and your mother. I know he loved all of you
so much and you had such good times with him, that is so special.
He was always there no matter what. What a Dad and Husband.

Marlene Flowers

Marlene Flowers - November 02, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Loyal Yarnell.



November 02, 2018 at 11:21 AM



“ Hi, I remember him getting stuck sitting by me at plenty of games, he never stopped smiling. What a wonderful man. Miss you lots! Doneen, Paige, and Jen

Doneen Wilson - November 02, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Loyal Yarnell.



November 02, 2018 at 10:54 AM



“ Oh LouAnn, what a lovely tribute to such a great man. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. So glad you and Loyal found each other years ago. Ron and Sally

Ron and Sally Ediger - November 02, 2018 at 09:53 AM

KM

“ LouAnn, We have so many great memories of our time at Yellowstone & other adventures with you & Loyal! He was such a sweet man with a great smile....we will miss him terribly. We are keeping you & your family in our thoughts & prayers.
Love,
Larry & Kathy

Kathy Mickey - November 02, 2018 at 09:46 AM

DS

“ LouAnn, I am so sorry to hear about Loyal's passing. I am thinking of you at this time. It will be hard no matter what everyone says. I know because my husband, Clark passed away in February, 2018. Sending prayers for you and your family,

Diana Sutphen (Teletech)

Diana R Sutphen - November 02, 2018 at 09:37 AM

JT

“ LouAnn and family: You are in our thoughts and prayers. Elly & Jerry Tapee

Jerry Tapee - November 02, 2018 at 07:32 AM

RS

We will miss you Loyal. God bless you my sister Lou Ann and your family. love Ray and Faye Sjorlund.

Ray Sjorlund - November 04, 2018 at 10:05 AM