



Mark Hanson

June 5, 1947 - October 31, 2011

Mark Arnold Hanson, 64, Topeka, passed away Friday, Oct. 28, 2011. Mark was born June 5, 1947 in Topeka, the son of Arnold and Coleta Rodgers Hanson. He graduated from Hayden High in 1965 and earned degrees from both Emporia State and Kansas State Universities. On Aug. 4, 1973, Mark and Betty Rowley were married. She survives. Mark taught and coached basketball and track at Hayden High, Roosevelt Jr. High and St. Matthew Grade School. He was then employed by Westar Energy where he was a senior engineer and retired after 25 years of service. Mark was a member and past Sunday School Superintendent at Bethel Community Church. He served on the North Topeka Drainage District Board. Mark also volunteered his time at Presbyterian Manor where he would take his faithful Sheltie, Alf, to visit the residents. Other survivors include his children, Brett Hanson (Amie), Seattle WA, and Brandy Anderson (Jason), Murray KY; grandchildren, Rockwell and Cormac Hanson and Annabella and Genevieve Anderson; his mother, Coleta Hanson, Topeka; sister, Carol Higgins (Thomas), Marietta GA; and his brother, John Hanson (Melinda), Topeka. Family will greet friends from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Bethel Community Church, Topeka Rescue Mission and the Salvation Army, sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Hanson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *If a man should die, can he live again? Hear the promise God has made. He will call, the dead will answer. They shall live at His command. For He will have a longing for the work of His own hand. All those who in God's memory stay, from death (sleep) He will awaken.*

Job 14:13-15

John 6:40

John 11:11-44 (Story of Lazarus)

John 5:28,29

Lorraine Denson - November 05, 2011 at 01:01 PM



“ *Mark was a regular at Porubsky's where I work. He was always such a kind man, and always bought a plate of ham salad for his beloved Alf. I will definately miss seeing his bright smiling face at the end of the bar. RIP Mark, and God bless his family.*

Hannah Harrington - November 01, 2011 at 09:06 AM

KM

“ Betty, I don't know you, but I would like to tell you how much Mark meant to my family. Especially my Grandma, Vi McGeeney. My Grandma met Mark when she moved into Presbyterian Manor, they hit it off immediately. He and Alf came to see her every week to play cards or just to visit for 5 years. Alf would even get in her lap (of course she saved him bacon from breakfast to bribe him with!) I never did get to touch him! Whether she was there, rehab, the hospital and the last visit at the Hospice House in August of this year. It didn't matter he made it to see her. He came to her funeral in Meriden, he was a loyal friend. She loved him and Alf, as did we all. We are so thankful to have known him and am so sad for his passing. I think probably he and Grandma will be pitch partners again now in heaven and that makes me smile. So sorry for your loss, what a great, kind, compassionate man he was.

Kelli Schuler and family of Vi McGeeney - November 01, 2011 at 12:39 AM

CL

“ Betty and family,
So sorry to read about Mark's passing. Jim and I both remembered him from when you worked at Presbyterian Manor. When Jim worked at Heifner's he did some work for you and was so impressed by the way Mark had everything figured out. Noticed your daughter lives in Murray, KY. My grandson went to college there and is a recruiter for the college. Blessing to you and your family during this difficult time. Carolyn & Jim Lillie

Carolyn Lillie - October 31, 2011 at 10:09 PM

ZS

“ *Mr Hanson was my 8th grade teacher at St Matthews, class of 1978. We had a reunion in June 2007 that he attended. In math class he had card game tournaments of Pitch. He felt that it was important for us to know how to change a tire, so we were taught on his car. Many good memories.*
With sympathy,
Zanetta Shupe-Aubry

Zanetta Shupe-Aubry - October 31, 2011 at 08:02 PM

RF

“ *Betty and family,*
Sorry to learn about Mark. You will be in our hearts and minds when my family prays. Please be assured that he is resting and at peace and that you can find peace yourselves.
God Bless you all.

Richard Freed - October 31, 2011 at 04:11 PM

RS

“ *To the Hanson Family,*
I am saddened to hear of Mark's death. The Hayden community remembers him as a student, athlete, teacher, coach, parent, and friend. We will pray for your comfort.
May God Bless,
Rick Strecker

Rick Strecker - October 31, 2011 at 10:40 AM

ES

“ *Betty, Brett & Brandy,*

I am so sorry about Uncle Mark. I will always remember the fun times we had visiting your farm as children and the time when my sister got bucked off Uncle Mark's horse. I never knew my dad could run so fast. Those were good times and I have so many fond memories of Uncle Mark and Aunt Betty and my two sweet cousins. My heart goes out to all of you.

Eileen Scherberger - October 31, 2011 at 09:41 AM

TM

“ *Mark coached me in the CYO league back in 1966 while I attended Holy Name. We ran into each other several times over the years and he never failed to ask about my Mom and Dad and always was interested in how I was doing.*

He was a great guy. My prayers are with all of you. Rest in peace Mark.

Tim Morrissey - October 31, 2011 at 09:08 AM

TC

“ *Betty and Family,*

All of us at Presbyterian Manor are deeply saddened by the news of Mark's death. We cannot imagine the depth to which your pain reaches and so, our prayers will be lifted for all of you during these days, weeks and months ahead.

Mark was always a joy for residents and staff at the Manor and a great void will be realized when our exercise group, men's coffee and various other activities no longer have his presence along with his side-kick, Alf.

Grace, strength and comfort from the Lord.

Terry Frizzell, Chaplain - October 31, 2011 at 08:29 AM

DF

“ Betty,
I'm so sorry to learn of Mark's passing. I really enjoyed his company.
He was such a terrific man. I will miss him.
Darren

Darren Falk - October 30, 2011 at 09:43 PM

SM

“ Will always remember going to high school together and to the
sprint car races at the fairgrounds (Topeka), Knoxville, and
Belleville. You were always a good guy. God bless you and your
family.

Steve Miller - October 30, 2011 at 09:01 PM

TF

“ Our Prayers and Thoughts are with your entire family. We will really
miss Mark, he was such a special friend to all of us.

The Porubsky Family - October 30, 2011 at 07:08 PM

MS

“ Betty, I was so sorry to hear about Mark's passing, he was truly one
of the good guys. I always think of him smiling every time I saw him
in high school. He will be missed, there are not enough like him.

Mary Maher Scherer - October 30, 2011 at 02:30 PM

TS

“ Dear Betty and family,

Janet and I are deeply sorry to hear the news of Mark's passing. He was a great guy, and a steadfast friend to all who were blessed to know him. Those of us who fought in the basketball trenches with him in high school knew him as an unselfish team player, which defined him for the rest of his life. Your loss is our collective loss, at least for now. From conversations I've had with Mark in the past few years, I have no doubt he's with his Lord ... probably on the halo polishing volunteer list befitting his heart for service.

I'm so glad I was able to see and visit with him back in March when he graced us with his presence at my Mother's funeral. A true friend to the end. That said, I am grieved to say that we are travelling and I will be unable to attend his funeral. Please know that you and all your family, and Mark's mother whom I haven't seen for eons, it seems, are in my heart and both of our prayers.

May our Lord of Mercy comfort you, keep you and bless you for all of your days.

Tom Sheahan

Tom Sheahan - October 30, 2011 at 02:20 PM

CR

“ *Such good memories of Mark. Always a gentleman. That is not an easy task in high school, but Mark accomplished it.*

Thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Mark is resting in peace in the arms of the Lord, I'm sure.

Carolyn Myers Roberts - October 30, 2011 at 01:47 PM