



Melvin Fritz

June 26, 1943 - January 23, 2022

Melvin Duaine Fritz, 78, Topeka, Kansas, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on Sunday, January 23, 2022.

Melvin was born in Falls City, Nebraska, on June 26, 1943, the son of George and Dorothy Crews Fritz. He graduated from Falls City High School in 1961. Melvin served in the United States Army in country during the Vietnam Conflict. He married the love of his life, Nancy Kay Benge, on June 28, 1964. Melvin retired from the State of Kansas as a Computer Programmer. He enjoyed camping, water sports and his lawn and garden. He loved predicting the weather and was known as an amateur meteorologist. Melvin's true pride and joy were his grandchildren, who called him Papa. He adored spending time with them.

Melvin is survived by his children, Todd Fritz (Wendy) and Traci Helen Havenstein (Curtis); grandchildren, Sarah Miller (Noel), Zachary and Garrett Fritz, Madisyn and Maverick Havenstein; brother, Sterling Fritz (Beverly McQueen); and sisters-in-law, Darline Fritz-Daughy, Cookie Fritz and Bonnie Doll (Jerry). He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, and his siblings, Deloris Hixson, Meryle Fritz, Darleen Ginsbach, Gary and Donald Fritz.

A celebration of life will be 10 a.m. Friday, January 28th, at Kevin Brennan

Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Burial will follow in West Lawn Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial Contributions may be made to the American Legion Post 32 or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Gardens

I-70 & Auburn Road
Topeka, KS 66615

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvin Fritz*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 27, 2022 at 12:22 PM

KD

I worked with Melvin years ago, and Shaaron and I shared dinner with Mel and Nancy at their house. He owned one of the first Subaru's in Topeka. He and Nancy were GOOD people

Knowlton Dick - January 27, 2022 at 09:41 PM



“ *Melvin Fritz*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

PN

“ Dear Traci, Todd and families,

My sincere (belated) condolences to you on the passing of your dear dad. I met him back in the early 90s when I had the pleasure of working with your sweet mom at KDOC. He lived a long time without her earthly presence. I can only imagine the celebration in Heaven as they were once again reunited.

*It's a different journey once our lifelong guides have passed.
Praying God's comfort and peace to you all.*

*Deepest sympathies,
Paige Noss*

Paige Noss - June 28, 2022 at 06:58 AM

FG

“ *I worked with Mel at SRS for many years.
Sorry for you loss.*

Frank Golos

Frank Golos - January 27, 2022 at 09:54 AM

KL

“ I had the fortune of working with Traci at SDS. So of course, I heard a lot about Melvin, and I met him as well. One thing that struck me is how big he loved his family. He truly was one of the best, and he raised a beautiful daughter inside/out. It was evident when I met him; how genuinely kind and considerate he was. Traci and family, I'm so sorry for this huge loss. Sending hugs and up prayers for you all.



Love you,
Kim, Landon, Tuckyr and Beckim Neel-Long

Kimberly Neel Long - January 26, 2022 at 11:53 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Melvin Fritz.



January 26, 2022 at 10:36 AM

TF

“ The Kabler Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Melvin Fritz.



The Kabler Family - January 26, 2022 at 09:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Melvin Fritz.



January 25, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Darline, Meryle & Nancy Fritz purchased the Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Melvin Fritz.



Darline, Meryle & Nancy Fritz - January 25, 2022 at 11:33 AM