

Melvin Gerstenkorn

November 23, 2025

Melvin Lee Gerstenkorn, 76, Topeka, Kansas, passed away on November 23, 2025.

Melvin was born in Great Bend, Kansas to Julius and Cecilia Boor Gerstenkorn. He graduated from Hayden High School in Topeka in 1967. Melvin attended Washburn University and Penn Valley Community College, and he received a Certificate of Accomplishment in Horticulture from Wichita State University Tech. Melvin pursued diverse jobs in landscaping, construction, and warehouse work, and for many years he worked at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. He was married to Connie Farrell from 1978 to 1984, and they had two children.

Melvin enjoyed reading, learning, and challenging his mind; he worked diligently towards things he had a passion for. He enjoyed collecting coins, appreciated good food, and loved the arts. He was extremely unique and creative; a memorable person to those he crossed paths with. Melvin enjoyed living a practical and private life, but he also enjoyed sharing his deep thoughts with others. He always had something on his mind, and he welcomed meaningful conversations with open-minded individuals. Melvin is very loved and will be missed.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents Julius and Cecilia, and brother

Richard Gerstenkorn. He is survived by his daughter, Lisa Gerstenkorn (Brian O'Neill) of Gardner, Kansas; son, Daniel Gerstenkorn (Mary Beth Medford) of Shawnee, Kansas; siblings, Kenneth Gerstenkorn (Vickie) of Haslet, Texas, Bernice Glissman (Dick) of Centralia, Kansas, and Raymond Gerstenkorn (Karen) of Topeka; and two grandchildren, Annabelle and Oliver.

Private cremation has been arranged, and a memorial service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, December 6, 2025, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Memorial contributions for Melvin may be made to Lisa Gerstenkorn, sent in care of the funeral home, and will be designated at a later date.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

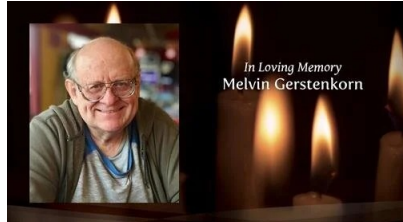
DEC 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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



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



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - December 05, 2025 at 05:48 PM

RU

“ *Rhonda Underwood lit a candle in memory of Melvin Gerstenkorn*



Rhonda Underwood - December 05, 2025 at 09:51 AM

SB

“ *Sally Bentley lit a candle in memory of Melvin Gerstenkorn*



Sally Bentley - December 04, 2025 at 05:55 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin Gerstenkorn.



December 04, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ Eternal rest grant unto him. May perpetual help shine on my beloved high school friend.

Ken Swindell

Kenneth Swindell - December 04, 2025 at 01:49 PM



“ Bernice Glissman lit a candle in memory of Melvin Gerstenkorn



Bernice Glissman - December 04, 2025 at 11:28 AM



“ Integrated Proteins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin Gerstenkorn.

Integrated Proteins - December 04, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Melvin Gerstenkorn.*



December 04, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ *Sincere condolences and sincere sympathy to Melvin's family. May he rest in peace.*

Jane Moore and Kit Kelley - December 03, 2025 at 10:16 PM



“ *Amy, Kenna, & Olivia Vaught purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Melvin Gerstenkorn.*



Amy, Kenna, & Olivia Vaught - December 02, 2025 at 11:59 PM



“ *I went to grade school with Melvin in Eskridge, Kansas. His family then moved. I'll always remember Melvin as a very kind rather quiet young man that everyone liked. I have not seen Melvin for many years however I believe anyone in our community that knew Melvin or his family had fond memories of them. Melvin was 1 year ahead of me in school. It sounds like Melvin was true to his beginnings and grew to be that same kind person I remember in his younger days. I am very sad, the world lost a very good person.*

Kay (Martin) Kopp - December 02, 2025 at 09:55 PM

DG

Thank you so much for your thoughts Kay.

Dan Gerstenkorn - December 02, 2025 at 11:10 PM

CS

*Melvin's brother Richard was in my class at Eskridge rural high school
And we graduated in 1961. The Gerstenkorn family were wonderful
people and I'm sure Melvin carried his family traits on as an adult.
Prayers for his family. Carol Hobson Shumate*

Carol Shumate - December 04, 2025 at 08:17 AM

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*Sincere condolences to the family. Julius and Cecilia were my
neighbors for many years. Nancy Ott*

Nancy Ott - December 04, 2025 at 09:14 AM

BG

*Thank you for your nice comments. It is so sad and unbelievable what
happened to Melvin. He was a wonderful/loved brother. No one deserves
how he died. Rest in peace Melvin. You will always be in our hearts and
prayers. Love your sis Bernice*

Bernice Glissman - December 04, 2025 at 11:27 AM