

Merwyn Muckenthaler

April 8, 1932 - September 6, 2020

We will be live streaming Merwyn's funeral service Friday, September 11th at 10 a.m. on our Facebook page. When you click this link, it will take you to our Facebook page. You might need to scroll down at 10 a.m. until you see the title Merwyn Muckenthaler Funeral Mass. KBFFH Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Kevin-Brennan-Family-Funeral-Home-116876148342762/>)

Merwyn Paul Muckenthaler, 88, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Sunday, September 6, 2020.

Merwyn was born April 8, 1932, in Paxico, Kansas, the son of Paul and Bernadine Seeling Muckenthaler. He graduated from Hayden High School in 1950. He served in the United States Army. Merwyn married Mary Sue Martin on March 19, 1953, in Assumption Catholic Church. He joined the Topeka Fire Department in 1956, retiring in 1991 as a District Chief. While serving on the fire department, Merwyn taught a physical fitness program. He sold real estate in Topeka from 1973 to 1991. Merwyn was an avid runner and enjoyed jogging and bicycling. When his sons were younger, he participated as a coach and umpire in the city baseball league. Merwyn also coached girls track at Most Pure Heart of Mary School and was a Boy Scout Leader. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Merwyn and Mary moved into Aldersgate Village in February 2019 and really enjoyed the community.

Merwyn was a proud husband, father and grandfather. He loved telling jokes, the outdoors and camping. Merwyn was a health nut and would go jogging no matter the weather.

Merwyn is survived by his wife, Mary Sue; children, Kathy McCaffrey (Don), Pat Muckenthaler (Roberta), Duane Muckenthaler (Jean), Alan Muckenthaler (Pam), Tim Muckenthaler and Jeff Muckenthaler; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brother, Alvin Muckenthaler (Kay); and brother-in-law, Bill Martin. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Ronnie and LeRoy Muckenthaler, and infant sister, Mary Kay.

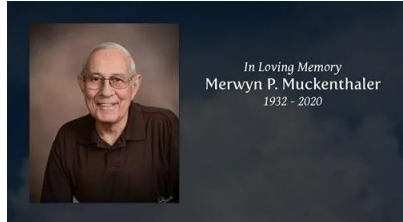
Due to COVID-19, Merwyn's Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated privately with his immediate family. His family invites you to join them on the Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home Facebook page to celebrate with them at 10 a.m. Friday, September 11, 2020.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the Alzheimer's Association, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Merwyn Muckenthaler*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - September 10, 2020 at 05:00 PM

RS

So sorry to hear of Merwyn's passing. It has been a great pleasure to know and to have worked with Merwyn. Sue we love you and Merwyn. Will be praying for you and the family.

Ron and Annette Shirrell - September 11, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ *Merwyn Muckenthaler*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

HC

“ *Dan Crow and I smile thinking of working with "Muck" and Sue at Kirk & Cobb, Inc., REALTORS back in the day. But, most of all, we are in debt for great lessons gleaned from Muck's expertise in fitness and nutrition. He taught us a lot that still serves us well today. #StillGrateful*

Helen Crow - December 07, 2020 at 03:26 PM

SS

“ Kathy, Don and family, so sorry to hear of the passing of your Father, Father-in-law and Grandpa. So sad and sorry for your loss and hope your memories of him will help you through the tough times. Please know we are thinking of you and your family through this sad time. So hard to lose someone so special during this difficult time. Our hearts are heavy for you all today. Love to all,
Susie (Brooke) & Gregg Schell

Susie & Gregg Schell - September 11, 2020 at 08:18 PM

LR

“ Mary and family, We are so sorry to hear of Merwyn's passing.

Thinking of you.

Our kindest personal regards, Larry and Nancy Redd

Larry Redd - September 10, 2020 at 06:45 PM

LM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Sue and all of your family. We always enjoyed visiting with you two and any of your family that came to the Muckenthaler Reunions. We thank you for some pictures of our family and when Bill was younger that you sent to us a year or so ago.

Lorraine and Bill Muckenthaler - September 09, 2020 at 08:16 PM

JM

“ *Merwyn was one of my classmates at Hayden in the class of 1950. He was a kind and gentle soul. I was always happy to see him wherever and whenever. All of you in his family should be proud of his sincerity and steadfastness. May he leave you all with many memories of peace and love.*

*Pax,
Joe E. Geist
Fayette, Mo.*

Joe Geist, Fayette, MO. - September 09, 2020 at 12:40 PM

MP

“ *Dear Pat, my heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.*

Mark Pheasant - September 09, 2020 at 11:42 AM

NK

“ *Sue, we are so sorry to hear of Muck's passing. You both were great neighbors and Lee has many good memories of Muck on the Fire Department - plus the yearly picnics to catch up on everything. We won't forget we bought our first house from him! Condolences to you and your family.*

Lee and Nancy Kinney

Nancy Kinney - September 09, 2020 at 10:15 AM

SC

“ *Kathy,
I have such fond grade school memories of spending time with your family. Your mom and dad were always smiling and laughing. There was a lot of love (and boys!) in the Muckenthaler home. I'll cherish those memories. My thoughts and prayers will be with you on Friday.
Hugs to you, your mom, and brothers.
Susan (Thompson) Chilson*

Susan (Thompson) Chilson - September 09, 2020 at 10:13 AM

JK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jerry & Karin Kingsley - September 09, 2020 at 09:59 AM

JK

“ Condolences to all the family.

“Muck” and I have a long history that started with my hiring by the Topeka Fire Department in 1972. When Muck was transferred out of a fire company to start the department’s physical fitness program (Get lean and mean with Muck and Chuck), that created an opening in the department that facilitated my being hired.

A few years later, I was stationed at #8 Fire Station where Muck was stationed on another shift. Muck was running to work every day and encouraged me to start running, which I did. I continued running up until now, where at the age of 74, I continue to run every day and compete in many races. Having experienced a heart attack and open heart surgery last year, I credit Muck for probably saving my life because of the love of running he instilled in me.

I have included a picture of Muck and myself when we were together for the last time in 2014 when he and Sue came to cheer me on during the Kansas Senior Games qualifying race for the National Senior Games.

We all will surly miss Muck.

Jerry & Karin Kingsley - September 09, 2020 at 09:56 AM

KM

“ Dear Pat, I'm so sorry to hear you've lost your dad. He was in my dad's class at Hayden. Kate



Kate McNeive - September 08, 2020 at 08:48 PM

BM

“ All the Muckenthaler Family, love you all and so very sorry for your loss. Thank you for always letting our family be a part of your get togethers so we could share the special memories over the years. God bless all of you during this time. Wish I could reach out and hug each of you. My heart and prayers are with you. Please hug Mom for me too and let her know how much I am praying for her and all of you. I will always cherish the memories I have of Merwyn, his humor, and his friendly smile and warm heart to our family.

Wishing you peace and love during this difficult time.

With much love,

Becky and Don and family.

Becky Martin - September 08, 2020 at 08:02 PM

JB

“ Sue and Family, so very sorry to hear of Muck's passing. You were both such great neighbors to us. Muck was always willing to dive into whatever project we had going on, especially trimming trees! I also remember the big leaf piles that you let our boys jump into. We will be praying for you.

Jeff and Stephanie Brown

Jeff Brown - September 08, 2020 at 07:53 PM

SB

“ Shelly Bowman lit a candle in memory of Merwyn Muckenthaler



Shelly Bowman - September 08, 2020 at 07:34 PM

SB

“ So sorry for all the Muck's. Thoughts and prayers for the family. Dad was a great man, always had a joke for us. He will be missed and always in our hearts. Shelly, Curt, and Alice

Shelly Bowman - September 08, 2020 at 07:33 PM

JF

“ Kathy,
So very sorry for your families loss.
Prayers and Condolences.

John Finucane



John B Finucane - September 08, 2020 at 03:01 PM

MD

“ Duane and Kathy,
Your dad was such a sweetheart! May he rest in peace.
Mary T Schnellbacher-Decker

Mary T Decker - September 08, 2020 at 02:20 PM

LH

“ My deepest sympathy to all of the family on their loss.
Rest In Peace Uncle Merwyn.

Laura (Muckenthaler) Harris

Laura Harris - September 07, 2020 at 04:46 PM

NW

“ Kathy, Don & Pat I am so sorry to hear this sad news. My condolences to you and your family.

Nancy Wagner-Perry - September 07, 2020 at 01:37 PM

EW

“ Our deep sympathy to ALL of you dear “Mucks!” Super fellow ❤️
Courageous 🧑🚒 firefighter, loving 🤗 family man & cheerful
neighbor (& shirt tail relative.)
May Muck rest in Peace 🙏❤️
Elizabeth V Wunder & family

Elizabeth V. Wunder - September 07, 2020 at 09:35 AM

RS

“ Duane and Family,
I am very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. My thoughts and
prayers are with you.
God Bless,

Rick Strecker - September 07, 2020 at 09:13 AM