



## Michael R. Drane

February 19, 1954 - May 9, 2014

Michael Ray Drane, 60, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2014, with family by his side after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Mike was born February 19, 1954, to Robert and Margaret Drane in Topeka KS. He was a proud graduate of Topeka High (Hoy Hoy Mighty Troy) in 1972. He attended Washburn University and graduated in 1976. He was a dedicated employee of Brier Payne Meade Insurance for the past 35 years. Mike and Sheryl (Remmel) were married for 27 wonderful years. He was a very proud family man and an amazing dad to his two daughters and son. You could often find him cheering them on from the sidelines at Washburn Rural Soccer games, tailgating with family and friends at Bill Snyder Family Stadium, or simply enjoying life and those he shared it with. During his battle with cancer Mike always stayed positive and never stopped believing life was good. Mike is survived by his wife, Sheryl; his daughters, Courtney and Whitney; son, Brady; sister, Martha (Drane) Shaver; many nieces, nephews, in-laws and numerous friends he considered family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Margaret Drane; brother, Bobbie Drane and brother-in-law, Tom Shaver. It was Mike's wish to be cremated. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. A celebration of Mike's life will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Fellowship Bible Church, 6800 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka KS 66615. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Mike Drane Soccer Fund, sent in care of any Envista Credit Union, to be used to assist Washburn Rural High School

students.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael R. Drane*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about Mike. Sending prayers and sympathy to all of your family.*

**John and Peggy Gatewood** - May 09, 2014 at 10:54 PM



“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband, father and brother. Mike was a great guy! I (Diana) remember him as the baby brother of the gorgeous Martha and the dreamy Bobby. Our paths crossed again when we had children at Rural. He always made people feel special. What a wonderful trait! May God speed you peace.*

*Ping and Diana Dougan Enriquez*

**Diana Dougan Enriquez** - May 09, 2014 at 04:01 PM



“ *Many years ago our kids played soccer in Topeka with Courtney and Whitney (Brady was just a toddler). Mike was so much fun, and always had a positive word for all the kids - win or lose. If God needs a man in heaven with a comforting smile and a witty sense of humor, he could do no better than Mike Drane!*

*Kelly, Jill, Kelsey, & Kyle Hedlund  
Hays, Kansas*

**Kelly & Jill Hedlund** - May 09, 2014 at 09:07 AM

CM

“ Sheryl and family I am so sorry for your loss. Mike had a great personality. His smile was infectious, if you were around him he made you you smile! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers Sheryl. God bless you all

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**Carol main** - May 08, 2014 at 10:41 PM

DB

“ Sheryl, So saddened to read about Mike's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Dan and Debbie Bartuccio

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**Dan Bartuccio** - May 08, 2014 at 09:57 PM

VV

“ Sheryl and family, I am sorry to learn of Mike's passing. I wish I'd known :( Please accept my sincere condolences. My prayers are with you always, still.

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**Vicki Vaughn** - May 08, 2014 at 08:02 PM

LM

“ Sherl and family. So sorry for your loss! I know you had a rough time recently. The good times are within your hearts as you remember him with love.  
Lea MorganLPN on Eagleridge @ Brewster Place

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**Lea MorganLPN** - May 08, 2014 at 06:59 PM

CL

“ Sheryl and family - we are so sorry to hear of your loss.

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**Cal and Carrie Logan** - May 08, 2014 at 06:28 PM

RD

“ Dear Sheryl and family,  
We are truly sorry and saddened to hear about Mike's passing. We have always had you all in our thoughts and prayers and shall continue to offer our prayers for your comfort during this time of sorrow. We miss you all so very much.  
Sincerely and with deepest sympathy,  
Dick and Mary Demars  
NRH, Texas

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**Richard & Mary Demars** - May 08, 2014 at 05:45 PM

SW

“ Dear Martha,  
  
I am so sorry to learn of the loss of your beloved brother, Mike. He was one of my best childhood friends and I will forever cherish my memories of him. Please find comfort in the knowledge he is with his parents and brother Bobbie in our Lord's heavenly kingdom.  
God Bless you and all of Mike's family.

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**Steve Walters** - May 08, 2014 at 01:09 PM

SB

“ Dear Sheryl & Family,  
We were so sorry to hear of the news of Mike. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless, Scott & Barb

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**Scott & Barb Bangert** - May 08, 2014 at 12:50 PM

PR

“ My husband, Victor and I offer our condolences. I have known Mike since our Oakland days and went to school with him through Topeka High. I am proudly one of the Oakland River Rats. I hadn't seen Mike much in recent years - we only moved last year back to Topeka from Arizona. I am so sorry I won't be able to attend the services as I am flying out tomorrow for a long-planned trip to Phoenix to visit a sick friend, but my thoughts and prayers are with Mike's family through this difficult time.

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**Pam Luthye Rodriguez** - May 08, 2014 at 12:11 PM

KB

“ Dear Drane family,

We are sorry to hear of your loss. I remember going to Great Uncle Bob's and Great Aunt Margeret's as a kid to celebrate New Years every year. Know you are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Tom and Kristi Bisel-Burgess  
(Daughter of Deanna Smelser Bisel)

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**Kristi Bisel Burgess** - May 08, 2014 at 12:08 PM

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“ Dear Drane Family, I knew Mike as a kid growing up on Twiss St. So very sad to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Martha, I will be thinking of you and will keep fond memories of your family.

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**Leora Taylor (Durham)** - May 08, 2014 at 11:55 AM

CM

“ *Sheryl, I am so sorry. May your memories sustain you in the weeks and months to come.*

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**Carrie Magill** - May 08, 2014 at 11:34 AM

BE

“ *God bless you.*

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**Barb and Greg Reser, Tillie Esser** - May 08, 2014 at 08:32 AM

SB

“ *Sheryl and Brady,*

*We are saddened by the passing of such a great man! WRHS soccer has lost it's biggest fan!!! Treasure the memories and the good times until you meet again! Find comfort in knowing that he is in a much better place and now lives pain free. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*

*RIP Mike - I'm sure you will be cheering from the best seat in the house.*

*Steve, Sherry T.Y. and Kelli Burton*

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**Sherry Burton** - May 07, 2014 at 10:13 PM