



## Michael Dean Hager

May 29, 1950 - August 24, 2019

Michael Dean Hager, 69, Topeka, Kansas passed away at St. Francis Hospital on August 24, 2019. He was born in Concordia, Kansas on May 29, 1950, to Adolph and Maxine Hebert Hager. Michael attended schools in Concordia and was a 1968 graduate of Notre Dame High School. He enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War. Michael later enlisted in the Army National Guard where he continued his career before retiring as a Sergeant Major after 30-plus years of service to our country.

Michael was a loving dad and grandpa who had his priorities in check. He was a devout Catholic and always willing to give and help others. Michael was very active with his children in their younger years and enjoyed making memories with them by coaching their sports teams and taking them camping, fishing, and hunting. He was a lover of animals, especially dogs, and his calm and soothing nature served him well in his hobby of breeding Labradors. In his spare time, Michael liked to barbecue and watch football, cheering for his favorite team, Notre Dame. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion.

Surviving Michael are his children, Amy Karr of Topeka and Casey Hager (Regan) of Pensacola FL; grandchildren, Mathew, Joseph, Noah, and Eli Karr, Jackson and Parker Hager; siblings, Pat LeDuc (Larry) of Jamestown KS, Marilyn Knuckles of Salina KS, Tim Hager (Connie) of Beloit KS, and Tom

Hager (Missy) of Salina; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding Michael are his parents.

The family will greet friends at 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 29 at Christ The King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th St., Topeka, KS 66614. Rosary will be prayed at 9:30 with Mass of Christian Burial starting at 10 a.m. Inurnment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Food For the Poor or American Legion Post #58, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 29. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church  
5973 SW 25th Street  
Topeka, KS 66614

## Rosary

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Dean Hager*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Fond memories of growing up with Mike and the family! First cousins are special!*

**Greg Hamel** - September 01, 2019 at 09:10 PM



“ *Mike was the funniest man I've ever met and the most caring individual this world had to offer. He was my best friend for several years. My thoughts and prayers are with the Hager family.*

*With loving thoughts,  
Jean Robinson*

**Jean Robinson** - August 31, 2019 at 08:39 AM



“ *Sending my thoughts and prayer to the family. I worked with Mike when he worked for Allied Barton Security at Westar Energy.*

**Angie Young** - August 31, 2019 at 07:23 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, Mike was one of the Best First Sergeants I had the privilege to serve under in the 714th.*

*SSG Cliff Mitchell*

**Cliff Mitchell** - August 29, 2019 at 07:25 PM

RA

“ I had the pleasure of serving with Mike in the National Guard. I also remember the fishing times that a group of us would do at his grandma's lake. I am very sorry for his loss to his family. R.I.P. and God's speed Mike.

*Robert J. Anno 1SG (Ret)*

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**Robert J. Anno** - August 29, 2019 at 11:26 AM

AB

“ *Dear Hager Family*  
*I want to send your family my thoughts and prayers.*  
*I want to "Thank you " for his service in the military and Viet- Nam.*  
*Our condolences go to you and your family in this time of grief and sorry.*  
*I want to "Thank you" for his service to the VFW Post 1650.*

*Art Brennan*  
*District 1 and VFW Post 1650. Chaplain.*

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**Art Brennan** - August 28, 2019 at 10:16 AM

DJ


“ *I worked for Mike in the Enlisted Military Personnel Office several years ago. He was a great guy to work for and with. He had his serious side, but he could get a laugh out of most anyone. He was a great person to work for and know.*  
*My sympathies to his family and friends for your loss*



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**Donna Wheeler (SGT Jones)** - August 27, 2019 at 05:23 PM

AM

Thank you Donna 

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Amy - August 27, 2019 at 10:21 PM

PP


“ Dennis was so saddened to read about Mike’s death. He was one of the “special ones”.

*He worked in the office when Dennis was the commander of the 137th Aviation Co. He could always count on Mike to take care of business and he didn’t have to worry. He would know that the soldiers would get paid and well taken care of. He was such a great guy and will be missed. We will be giving Gen Gerhardt a check for a memorial at the museum. We had just been talking about him and his beautiful labs this week. May he Rest In Peace and may those who loved him find solace in the fact that so many cared about him.*  
COL Dennis & Pam Parry (ret)

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Pam Parry - August 27, 2019 at 03:27 PM

AM

Thank you so very much 

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Amy - August 27, 2019 at 10:22 PM

EP

“ My condolences on your loss. Mike was a great professional NCO who truly told me what he thought in our many conversations over the years. I always appreciated his finding a way to get things done. He will be missed by all.

*Eric Peck*

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Eric Peck - August 27, 2019 at 02:08 PM

AM

Thank you very much 

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Amy - August 27, 2019 at 10:22 PM

FB

“ Casey and Amy, I am so sorry to hear about you father's passing. Mike will be in my prayers at Mass through this week. I was blessed for many years with the puppy he gave me. Katie Dog kept me company for 12 years. I am grateful for the times at Most Pure Heart of Mary so many years ago. I will continue to pray for your healing and peace. In Our Risen Christ. Father Bill Bruning

Fr. Bill Bruning - August 27, 2019 at 10:33 AM

AM

Father Bill thank you so very much! I just moved back to Topeka in May to be near my dad. I rejoined Most Pure Heart and am so happy 🍷🍷

Amy - August 27, 2019 at 10:24 PM

DC

“ Here is my favorite memory of SGM Hager. I hope it brings a smile to his family. My son Chris is now 44 years old. But not long after I joined the National Guard, my son Chris and I went out to Forbes to the orderly room. Chris showed Mike that he was about to lose a tooth. Mike looked at it. And wiggled it. And said “yes you are about to lose that tooth. But hold on a second. I can help you@. Mike left and came back moments later with a Bit O Honey candy bar. Chris bit into it and voilà ! That loose tooth came right out.

Casey and Amy I am so sorry for you loss. I enjoyed working with your dad.

Dottie Frederick Clark

Dottie Clark - August 27, 2019 at 09:07 AM

AM

Thank you very much 🍷

Amy - August 27, 2019 at 10:25 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Dean Hager.*



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August 26, 2019 at 06:48 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the family of SGM Hager. He was a true soldier's soldier. His contributions to the personnel field for so many years bear out his love and respect of his fellow service members. I was blessed to have Mike in the personnel section as Military Personnel Officer for the Kansas Army Guard. I never had to worry about the soldiers getting their just due with Mike Hager in the enlisted personnel section. He was a good friend and one whom I relied upon heavily during our tour of duty together in the personnel business. He will be making changes and improvements in the system of soldier care on the other side of the bridge now. Things just got better on that side, but this side will suffer his loss. Marilyn and I will make a contribution to the Museum of the Kansas National Guard to assure his name is there for perpetual recognition as one of our best. God Bless the family.*

*Butch and Marilyn Dowse, Topeka*

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**Butch Dowse** - August 26, 2019 at 06:43 PM



*Butch and Marilyn,*

*Thank you so very very much! These sincere and kind words brought a smile to face on a sad day. And thank you for making sure my Dad is remembered for his service!!*💛💛

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**Amy** - August 26, 2019 at 07:36 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael Dean Hager.* ”



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August 26, 2019 at 05:41 PM