



Mike Cowell

February 19, 1953 - February 16, 2021

Michael Ray Cowell, 67, passed away on February 16, 2021. He was born at Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka, Kansas, on February 19, 1953, to Ralph and Madeline Cowell, the third of their five children.

He was a member of the graduating class of 1971 at Highland Park High School, where he excelled in academic studies as well as being a member of the school marching band. He later received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Telecommunications from DeVry University, graduating Summa Cum Laude. He worked in the technology field until retiring in 2011.

His greatest passions in life were his children and music. He took being a father very seriously, playing a constant role in his children's lives, and in the lives of his stepsons. The four of them and his grandchildren were his greatest source of joy, and he took immense pride in each of them and their accomplishments. His music career spanned from his early garage band days in the mid 1960's until his passing, during which he played thousands of shows as a member of many different bands. Known by many as the "Human Jukebox", his ability to learn songs and retain them was, truly, amazing. He was also a sports enthusiast enjoying sports of all kinds, but none were more important to him than his Kansas City Royals baseball, and Kansas City Chiefs football. His remarkable intelligence and passion for imparting his wisdom were among his defining traits, and as an avid history buff, he enjoyed

both educating himself and others, particularly regarding local history.

He is survived by his son, Charles Cowell (Hannah) Topeka; daughter, Sarah Cowell (Avery Frantzen) Topeka; stepson, Eric Hollingsworth, Webb City; stepson, Michael Hollingsworth (Theresa) Virginia Beach; grandsons, Judah and Jackson Cowell; granddaughters, Madeline and Cora Frantzen; step-grandchildren Brayden and Brynlee Hollingsworth; step-grandson Michael Hollingsworth; sister, Lucinda Ostler; and nephews, Brian and Jonathan Ostler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, eldest sister, Jennifer Cowell, elder brother, Steve Cowell, and youngest sister, Deborah Cowell.

Visitation is 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, February 25, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Celebration of Mike's Life is 11 a.m. February 26, at the Funeral Home.

Mike's full obituary can be found and condolences may be sent to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

A Celebration of Life

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mike Cowell*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - February 24, 2021 at 04:37 PM

CM

Beautiful video 🧡❤️🧡 hugs and prayers for the family , wonderful kind hearted talented man 🧡

Chris McCary - February 26, 2021 at 11:21 AM



A lovely tribute video. The emphasis on his talent as a musician, singer and entertainer is perfect in the video.

Linda Kay Noland - April 19, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ *Mike Cowell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Mike had more qualities than can even be listed here. He meant more to me as my childhood Nextdoor neighbor, a decades long dear friend ... meant more than I can write here. Condolences to Sarah, Charlie, Lucinda and his nephews, his step-sons, Michael and Eric and his grandchildren. I wish his grandchildren would have been blessed with more years with him. Picture I took posted with this memory. I just discovered he passed, didn't know until April 19th. It is sad he just missed living until his 68th birthday only days after his passing. Thoughts and condolences from my daughter, Elizabeth and my son, Alexander Schaaf also. -Linda



Linda Kay Noland - April 19, 2021 at 07:16 PM

TG

“ My Thoughts and Prayers are with the Family(s)! Mike was a great guy from the times at HPHS to his setting up the sound systems at our church, New Hope CBC! RIH Mike, you will be missed!!!

Tommy Green - March 13, 2021 at 10:33 AM

KC

“ What a wonderful world we all lived in with you in our lives. Thank you for loving my family and for always providing us with beautiful music. Much Love, Karen, Dan and family!

Karen S Carmack - February 26, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mike Cowell.*



February 24, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mike Cowell.*



February 23, 2021 at 10:56 PM



“ *Condolences to all Mikes family. He was a really good person, great musician and holder of so much knowledge! This morning I read a Topeka History Geeks question posted on FB, and thought, " we need Mikes input here!" He will be sincerely missed.*

Janice Khorram - February 23, 2021 at 07:18 AM



“ *Sarah, Charlie and family. In times of great sadness, look back and take comfort in all of the beautiful memories you made. I am so sorry about the loss of your Dad.*

Annette McElroy - February 22, 2021 at 11:04 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mike Cowell.* ”



February 22, 2021 at 02:53 PM