

## Dr. Paul Boatwright

October 29, 1929 - April 6, 2019

Dr. Paul L. Boatwright, 89, died April 6, 2019, at Lexington Park in Topeka, Kansas.

Paul was born in Horton, Kansas on October 29, 1929, the son of Paul P. and Myrle (Skinner) Boatwright. He graduated from Topeka High School in 1947, received his BS degree from Kansas State University and his Doctor of Dental Surgery from University of Missouri, Kansas City School of Dentistry in 1954. Following a two-year commission in the U.S. Air Force, he practiced general dentistry in Topeka for ten years. He then attended the St. Louis University School of Dentistry where he received his MS in Orthodontics in 1968. Paul practiced orthodontics in Topeka for 28 years. Dr. Boatwright was a leader in organized dentistry and worked to promote benefits of fluoridated water. He was a life member of the American and Kansas Dental Associations, served as president of the Topeka District Dental Society and president of the Kansas State Orthodontic Association.

In 1951 Paul married Shirley Hicks. She was his partner for 66 years, preceding him in death in 2018. Their life together was set to music, some of which they played themselves. Paul got his first trumpet at age 9 and played in his first dance band at age 12. He and Shirley played in bands together and loved to dance. They were members of Crestview United Methodist Church for over 60 years where Paul served faithfully in many capacities including

Chairman of the Board, Sunday school teacher and member of the choir. Above all Paul and Shirley enjoyed raising their family and watching it grow, cherishing each added spouse and child. Paul was active in scouting when his boys were young. He served as Webelo leader, Scoutmaster of Troop 70 and Camping Chairman for the BSA Jayhawk Council for 10 years leading trips to Philmont and Sommers. Paul enjoyed working the horse racing forms and developed a software program that led him to win the United States Amateur World Series of Handicapping in 1996. Paul found joy in cooking. He was known for his garlic-inspired creations and superb chili rellenos feasts shared with family and friends. Paul had a passion for sculpting; he cast more than 40 bronze pieces including commemorative pieces for the Jayhawk Council BSA and Jazz Workshop among many others. His ultimate work was "Wounded Knee," a moving piece inspired by the book "I Left My Heart at Wounded Knee" which he had read years before. He was still sculpting in recent weeks even while bed bound.

Paul and Shirley were blessed with three sons, Mike (Brenda), Todd (Marci) and their three children Clay, Carly and Courtney, Matt (Patti) and their two children, Miranda (Joe) and Austin. Paul was a loving father, grandfather and friend, who will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but he heard the heavenly band playing Nat King Cole's "Don't Get Around Much Anymore" and he couldn't keep his girl waiting.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, April 12 at 10:00 am at Crestview United Methodist Church with burial following in Memorial Park Cemetery. The family invites you to share in a celebration of Paul's life Thursday evening 5-7 pm at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Crestview United Methodist Church (2245 SW Eveningside Dr., Topeka KS 66614) or

Topeka Rescue Mission (PO Box 8350, Topeka KS 66608).

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

“Well done, my good and faithful servant...enter now into the joy of the Lord.”

Matthew 25:21

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 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](mailto:info@kevinbrennanfamily.com)

## Funeral Service

APR 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crestview United Methodist Church  
2245 SW Eveningside Drive  
Topeka, KS 66614

# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Paul Boatwright



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 11, 2019 at 01:19 PM



“ Dr. Paul Boatwright

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ To the Boatwright family, I'm so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. He and Shirley were so dear to me during my time at Crestview. I know they are rejoicing together once again. Please accept my sincere condolences for your profound loss. Your pop was a top notch man!  
Tori Williams Mason, Nashville

Tori Mason - April 30, 2019 at 08:15 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are for the family .we went to see him at christmas time when the kids sang and he was glad to see our grandson tony.also my brother roy julia and paul shared october birthdays plus others. He was my brothers sunday school teacher.

Condley strobel janelle vince tony jenn - April 12, 2019 at 03:45 AM

DH

“ *Boatwright families - I am so sorry to hear of your Dads/Grandpas death. Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Dawn Harris*

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**Dawn Harris** - April 11, 2019 at 10:33 AM

LO

“ *Patti, Matt, Miranda(and husband), and Austin, We are so sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. Please know you're all in our hearts and prayers. Jack and Louvae Dutton*

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**Louvae** - April 10, 2019 at 02:41 PM

JP

“ *April 10, 2019*

*To The Family of Paul Boatwright,*

*Words can say very little at a time like this, but knowing family and loved ones are thinking of you, maybe helps. I hope so. Paul was such a kind and caring person, and always had a smile. He and Shirley made a good team. Our family was so blessed to know both your parents, you boys and wives. and we all will cherish those memories.*

*God Bless You All.*

*Jackie Campbell Petersen and family.*

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**Jackie Campbell Petersen** - April 10, 2019 at 11:04 AM

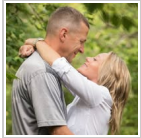


“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Paul Boatwright.*



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April 08, 2019 at 04:18 PM



“ *Todd, Marci, Carly, Clay, Courtney, sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*  
*Sincerely, Alan and Joni Pfeifer*

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**Alan Pfeifer** - April 08, 2019 at 04:12 PM



“ *I was a patient of Dr. Boatwright's for many years as he fixed my cross bite, then over bite, then eventually braces. The day the braces came off and he saw my straight teeth after being hidden behind metal bands and wires for years, he was just as happy as me. When anyone compliments me on my teeth, I still give him all the credit. Dr. Boatwright was so kind, caring and funny. Over the years I enjoyed all the stories about his family. My deepest sympathies to you all.*

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**Vicki Terpening** - April 08, 2019 at 12:58 PM



*Mike, Todd, Matt and families-my heartfelt sympathy to you. Your Dad was a true gentleman! I have fond memories of him at CUMC and his beautiful music! He's busy now dancing with your Mom!!!*

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**Cindy Adams (Fletcher)** - April 08, 2019 at 06:28 PM

MF

“ *Dr Boatwright was a good orthodontist. I remember him wiring my mouth shut temporarily when I would not shut up during an adjustment. I still remember his smirk as he asked me to let him complete his work. I nodded assent. He didn't hold it against me, and I have live with a great smile ever since. May his memory be a blessing.*

*Micah Forstein MS*

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**Micah Forstein** - April 08, 2019 at 09:30 AM

MM

“ *Matt, sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Sincerely, Mark Mertel*

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**mark mertel** - April 08, 2019 at 08:39 AM

KW

“ *Matt, Patti and family - I am so sorry for the loss of your father. I am sure you all have many wonderful memories to hold close in your hearts. My prayers and love are coming your way.*

*Peace,  
Karla Whiteside*

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**Karla Whiteside** - April 07, 2019 at 03:27 PM

LH

“ *This wonderful man. His family, his art; both in music and sculpture. So reflective of his passion for his life. He will live on in the spirit of his Children and Grandchildren as his example of living life to its fullest was boundless. He and his beloved Shirley; just wonderful people. Always honest smiles with their greetings. May they dance together once again.*

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**Lorie and Jake Huyett** - April 06, 2019 at 04:36 PM

MG

*Matt, Patti and family so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. May he rest in peace. Sending our love, thoughts and prayers to you and yours.*

*Danny & Margaret Garcia*

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**Margaret Garcia** - April 07, 2019 at 01:46 PM

SR

*Boatwright Family,*

*Sorry to hear of your fathers passing. I have fond childhood memories of him in the old neighborhood (the countless hours playing in the "Boatwright lot") and his contagious smile. Know that my thoughts are with you.*

*Sharon (McCaffrey) Riese*

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**Sharon Riese** - April 07, 2019 at 10:03 PM



*Matt, Mike, Todd and families - We will miss Doc and his stories. It was always a true pleasure to see and visit with him. Thinking of all of you.  
Mark and Kim Davis*

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**Kim Davis** - April 11, 2019 at 07:41 PM