

Paul Dinkel

August 9, 1951 - October 28, 2023

Paul Anthony Dinkel (Mr. Dink) was born August 9, 1951, in Topeka, Kansas. He was the son to Inez Evelyn (Logan) and Alfred John Dinkel. He passed away, peacefully, October 28th, 2023, with family and friends by his side at St. Francis in Topeka.

In 1977, he married the late Betsy Wellman. Together, they raised two children, Anna and John.

Mr. Dink grew up and lived his life in Kansas. He graduated from Topeka High School in 1969. He would become the founder and owner of Santa Fe Annie's and Hall of Fame Sports Bar in Topeka before he made a career move to real estate until retirement.

He was an avid beer connoisseur. He had a love/hate relationship with the Yankees. He enjoyed traveling to destinations where he could watch or play golf. Later in life, he most enjoyed taking walks with his dog, WalkHer, watching movies, clipping coupons and shopping for deals at the grocery stores.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Betsy (Wellman) Dinkel (2014) and by his sister, Judy (Dinkel) Roth (2021). He is survived by his daughter, Anna Johnson; son, John Dinkel; granddaughters, Jacey and Kellyn; brother,

Michael Dinkel and his wife, Sally; close friend and companion, Martha Carroll; 11 nieces and nephews; and, last but not least, WalkHer.

His sense of humor, wit and sports knowledge will be sorely missed.

Per his wishes, there will not be a public memorial service or gathering. Cremation is planned.

His family and friends thank the entire St. Francis Cancer Center for their tremendous and compassionate care they provided for him.

In lieu of memorial donations, coupons are accepted.

Tribute Wall

CL

“ So sorry to hear of Paul’s passing. Paul was an old friend from the Santa Fe Annie’s days. He will be missed. My condolences to Anna & John.

Connie (Wright) Lowrey

Connie (Wright) Lowrey - November 14, 2023 at 09:35 PM

TA

“ Anna and John- my deepest condolences to you both. As you know, Dink and I were great friends for 50 years and I will miss his stories and friendship. We definitely had some great times!

Tom Ahl - November 07, 2023 at 10:44 PM

JR

“ Paul was a good friend and always fun to be around and visit with. Prayers are going out that God grants family and friends with peace and comfort during this time.

Jerry & Dorothy Rappard - November 02, 2023 at 09:42 PM

CA

“ On behalf of Paul's THS Class of '69 Classmates, let me offer our sincere condolences at your family's loss.

We always hoped Paul would attend one of the class reunions that we've had every five years since our 35th year after graduation... and I so wish Paul could make it to our 55th Year get-together on 9/21/2024--less than a year too short. But we'll be thinking of him, as I know his family & friends do daily. May You Rest in Peace, Paul.

*--Chris Alumbaugh
and the THS Class of '69*

Chris Alumbaugh - November 02, 2023 at 06:03 PM

DS

I was an early friend of Paul. We had lots of excitement in our young lives long before going into the military and coming home to begin a life.... And just growing up and being responsible family guys. Paul married a sweet lady... and I was also fortunate to marry a great woman Phyllis Howe... I am glad Paul had a great family and sorry he is no longer with us! Condolences, Dave Stevens

David H. Stevens - November 13, 2023 at 03:14 PM

VJ

“ Anna, I'm sorry for your loss. I know you took good care of him during this trying time. I will pray for God to help you heal and grieve and remember all of the good memories of your Dad. Love you, Anna! 🙏❤️

Val Jackson - October 31, 2023 at 08:37 PM

L(

“ Condolences to Paul's family and his many friends. God bless.

Linda Stumbaugh (Lord) - October 31, 2023 at 05:09 PM

JF

“ So saddened to hear about Paul. Can't think of many memories of our youth that Paul was not involved. So many good times and laughs were shared. Too many of the large group are now welcoming Paul. Until we meet again Paul , we know your in good hands and in good company. Rest in peace . Our prayers are with your family.

Jerry Froelich - October 31, 2023 at 05:02 PM

TR

I have known Dinkel since out Topeka High days. I spent many a day/night at Santa Fe Annie's. The old crowd is getting smaller and smaller. RIP, Paul.

Tom Rork.

Thomas Rork - October 31, 2023 at 06:27 PM

RS

Paul, you are missed. Rest in peace.

Stephens

Robert Stephens - November 01, 2023 at 09:54 AM

DM

Anna, so very sorry for the loss of your Dad. I'm thinking of you!

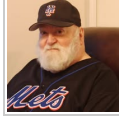
Diana McKee

Diana McKee - November 01, 2023 at 10:00 AM

DR

So sorry to hear about Paul.....

Doug Renbarger - November 02, 2023 at 08:38 AM



Rest in peace Paul.

Wanda Peterson (Garfield girl)

Wanda Peterson-Brodsky - November 02, 2023 at 11:47 AM

MC

The wit, the humor, the jokes, the sports knowledge, and the history of buildings in Topeka! I sure hope they have good buffets where you are and that they accept coupons! Paul talked often about riding his bicycle for miles around Topeka and that bicycle is still hanging in his garage. Mr Dink always lived his life to the fullest. You will be missed by family and friends every day. Martha Carroll...

Martha A. Carroll - November 02, 2023 at 04:16 PM

JA

R.I.P. my friend

Jim Anderson - November 03, 2023 at 11:39 AM

MW

Paul, you were a great guy, great person. Your stories of Kansas, and the things you did will always be remembered. You are missed, but you are still around in a special way.

Michael and Tamara Wanamaker - November 04, 2023 at 12:41 PM

KN

Well Dinkel you O'L SOB you !!! This was a surprise. RIP buddy, Jr.

Kevin Nimz - August 22, 2024 at 04:39 PM