



Paul Kraus

April 8, 1940 - January 18, 2026

Paul Wayne Kraus, 85, passed away Sunday, January 18, 2026, in Topeka, Kansas. He was born April 8, 1940, to the union of Lester Jackson and Viola Gertrude Stanley Kraus in Mill Creek, Kansas.

Paul graduated from Eskridge Highschool in 1959. He served in the United States Navy from 1959 to 1963. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, Paul joined the Topeka Fire Department on July 2, 1965. He served as a fire fighter for 35 years until his retirement in 2000.

Paul loved his family, especially his grandchildren. He was always involved with their extracurricular activities as well as coaching their little league softball teams. Due to Paul's humble upbringing, he always made sure his family was taken care of with anything that they needed. Paul's main hobby and interest in this world was his family. Paul also enjoyed going to Colorado, yard work, cooking, the Kansas City Chiefs, Kansas City Royals, and KU Jayhawks.

Paul is survived by his daughters, Kelli Gabel Bosley and her husband, Don Bosley, and Amy Boley and her husband, Kevin; grandchildren, Tiffany and Gregg Banfield, Taylor and Chris O'Connor, Legend Bosley, Ransom Bosley, Randy Smith, Jr., Darius Smith, JaRay Smith, and Trenton Smith; 12 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and six nieces and nephews.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Neil and Jerry, infant sister, Melva, son, Cory Christopher Kraus, two grandchildren, Kaylynn and Briar Gabel, and son-in-law, Tom Gabel.

Visitation will be at 1 p.m. and funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. with military and firefighter honors on Friday, January 30, 2026, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Inurnment will be at a later date in Eskridge Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Topeka Fire Department or Rock Chalk Round Ball Classic, in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
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Funeral Service

JAN 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul Kraus



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 29 at 05:09 PM

PH

“ Paul was the salt of the earth. He leaves a lot of memories behind, and they all make me smile. May he rest in peace and may his family find comfort in all of those memories.

Peggy Hansen-Nagy - January 29 at 09:26 PM

WD

“ With love and Sympathy, the KT Divas purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Paul Kraus.



With love and Sympathy, the KT Divas - January 27 at 10:48 PM

MA

“ Amy and Kelli, you both are in my prayers. I'm so sorry for your loss of your dad. I know how much he meant to you both and the family. I didn't spend much time with him, but he raised two beautiful women that I call friends/sisters. Again, my thoughts and prayers are with you both and they family! Love you, Marisa Hidalgo-Strickland

Marisa - January 27 at 02:26 PM

CS

“ Cynthia, Andrea, Randy and Alana Smith purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Paul Kraus.



Cynthia, Andrea, Randy and Alana Smith - January 26 at 10:59 AM

DK

“ Kelli and Amy, your dad was just such a good dude. So many fun trips in the back of that truck! Sending you all peace and strength for this sorrowful journey.

Donna Kirk-Swaffar - January 23 at 05:49 PM

SW

Kelli and Amy I'm very sorry for the loss of your father ! Paul was very easy to like and I am very grateful I got to know him ! We hit it off immediately and had some great conversations ! Special thanks and condolences to Tiffany and Gregg and their children ! I know it has been rough on you this past several months but I am extremely proud of both of you ! Please accept my condolences to all of Paul's family ! Paul , we always agreed one thing, BEAT ARMY ! God bless you all !

Stan Wunder - January 23 at 08:55 PM