



Paul "Mike" VanLeeuwen

October 30, 1940 - October 5, 2024

Paul Michael "Mike" VanLeeuwen, 83, passed from this earth Saturday, October 5, 2024, in Topeka, Kansas. He was born October 30, 1940, in St. Paul, Kansas to Maxene and P.A. VanLeeuwen.

Paul graduated from St. Paul Highschool in 1960. He married the love of his life, Mary Ann Watters on June 25, 1966, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Blue Rapids, Kansas. He and Mary Ann moved to Topeka, Kansas in 1969 where he began working for the City of Topeka in the Engineering Department, the same place he retired from in June of 2000. They later welcomed their precious daughter, Jennifer Ann, to this world.

Paul was a very active member at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. He participated in the choir, served on the church council, and was a member and Past Grand Knight of Council 4254. He volunteered his time to any part of the church that needed it, including maintenance. He also volunteered his time at the Hayden Catholic High School Pace Program.

Paul is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; daughter, Jennifer (Cody) Foster; grandchildren, Dylan and Ella Foster; sisters, Patricia Holland, Shirley Gray, Susan Coeme, Mary Lou Reeves; brother, John VanLeeuwen; and many nieces and nephews.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Steve VanLeeuwen.

Visitation will be Sunday, October 13, 2024, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Rosary to follow at 6:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, October 14, at 10 a.m. at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3601 SW 17th Street, Topeka KS 66604. Inurnment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church or Hayden Catholic High School in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul "Mike" VanLeeuwen*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - October 07, 2024 at 12:06 PM

CR

“ *I worked with Mike at the City of Topeka for many years. I always enjoyed talking with him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Chuck Rogers - October 20, 2024 at 01:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul "Mike" VanLeeuwen.*



October 11, 2024 at 01:09 PM

FT

“ *From the Hayden Volleyball Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul "Mike" VanLeeuwen.*



From the Hayden Volleyball Team - October 11, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Paul "Mike" VanLeeuwen.*



October 10, 2024 at 03:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul "Mike" VanLeeuwen.*



October 10, 2024 at 02:20 PM

DB

“ *My husband, Duane Brunkow was a neighbor of Paul since mid-July. Paul was always quick to provide a greeting. Mary Ann, our sympathy and love to you. Duane and Eva Brunkow*

Duane and Eva Brunkow. - October 09, 2024 at 07:48 PM

MB

“ Mark Rowlette & The SSRS Team, Boston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul "Mike" VanLeeuwen.

Mark Rowlette & The SSRS Team, Boston - October 09, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul "Mike" VanLeeuwen.



October 09, 2024 at 02:31 PM

KO

“ Mary Ann, so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. You both were always so kind to us Olson kids. Mike especially could always get a laugh out of us! My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Sincerely, Katherine Olson

Katherine Olson - October 09, 2024 at 12:21 PM

JS

“ Mary Ann I am so sorry to read of Mike's passing. I so enjoyed our visiting with you and Mike when you used to bring your vehicles into Rex's Tire for service.

Jerry Schnee - October 09, 2024 at 10:12 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Paul "Mike" VanLeeuwen.*



October 08, 2024 at 02:38 PM



“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you all. I graduated from St Paul in 1964 and live in Topeka and attended MPH for Many years. Keith & Lorraine Eggen (Shively)*

Lorraine Eggen - October 08, 2024 at 12:08 PM



“ *So sorry to hear the news. My Dad (Gale Coulter) was always such a big fan of Mike's and always spoke so highly about him. Prayers for your loss, hold tight to the memories!*

Ann Hafner - October 08, 2024 at 09:30 AM



“ *Mike was one of the kindest people I knew. He always had a smile and was ready to lend a helping hand. He and Mary Ann were always a welcome addition to our Pizagel's coffee group!*

Sally Hubbell - October 07, 2024 at 08:01 PM

DW

“ I met Mike while he was a resident at Oakley Place where my mother was also a resident. I always enjoyed visiting with him and Mary Ann.
My condolences to the family.
Don Wiltz

Don Wiltz - October 07, 2024 at 06:12 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul "Mike" VanLeeuwen.



October 07, 2024 at 03:51 PM

FF

“ Fitzgibbons Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Paul "Mike" VanLeeuwen.



Fitzgibbons Family - October 07, 2024 at 12:36 PM