



R. Daniel Lykins

January 22, 1946 - November 25, 2021

R. Daniel Lykins, 75, Topeka, Kansas passed away on Thursday, November 25, 2021.

Dan was born January 22, 1946, in Atchison, Kansas, the son of Robert and Mary McNerney Lykins. He graduated from Maur Hill High School in 1964, KState in 1968 and Washburn University Law School in 1972. He married Judy Becher on May 20, 1972, in Topeka. Dan was a personal injury attorney and senior partner at Bryan Lykins Hejtmanek Law Firm. As a Topeka attorney, he tried over 90 civil and criminal jury trials in Federal and State courts in Kansas. Dan received numerous awards from Washburn Law School for work he did for the law school. Dan also received numerous awards and honors over the years from the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, the Kansas Bar Association, the Topeka Bar Association, the Topeka Inn's of Court and the American Association for Justice. The majority of his practice centers around helping people involved in serious personal injury claims, motor vehicle claims, product liability claims and wrongful death claims.

According to WIBW's Chris Fisher, "In 2002, Lykins ran to represent Kansas' Second Congressional District as a Democrat, but fell short to Republican Jim Ryun. He also mounted an unsuccessful bid to become Kansas Attorney General. Lykins served as a member of the Kansas Board of Regents, and used his personal success as a lawyer to contribute to several non-profit and

charitable causes across Northeast Kansas. Lykins was an active supporter of the Topeka Rescue Mission, Maur Hill/Mount St. Scholastica, Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand Children's Emergency Fund, Skyline Schools Foundation, Washburn Law School, KSU Foundation, TARC, and partnered with WIBW's Chris Fisher in his annual "Just a Buck" campaign for Big Brothers Big Sisters."

Dan is survived by his wife, Judy; children, Jeremy Lykins, Danya Wirtz (Stephen) and Brendan Lykins; grandchildren, Lindsey Gatz (Jake), Chase Lykins, Jake and Sierra Wirtz; great-grandchildren, Sutton and Ariya Gatz; and siblings, Barb Lykins (Christie), Tom Lykins (Jenny) and Tim Lykins (Linda). He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Lykins, parents, siblings, Mary Pat McKelvy, Jim Lykins and Jane Lykins.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, December 2nd, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Rosary and memorial service will be 11 a.m. Friday, December 3rd, at the funeral home. Inurnment will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

A memorial for Dan Lykins has been established at the Kansas State University Foundation. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the KSU Foundation (indicate fund M47379 on the memo line), 1800 Kimball Ave., Ste 200, Manhattan KS 66502, or to make a gift online go to www.ksufoundation.org/giv/memorials. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 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

Rosary and Memorial Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of R. Daniel Lykins



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - December 02, 2021 at 01:54 PM

JM

I just saw this. I am so sorry for the loss of such a tremendous man. His caring and compassion were beyond compare. A great loss.

Janice Morelock - December 03, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ R. Daniel Lykins

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Judy, Jeremy, Danya, & Brendan I know no words can ease your pain but know I'M thinking of you. Dan was a very compassionate, generous and caring man. He was also a great boss to me for 21 years. I will always remember his smile and sense of humor! He will be missed !

Bren Gleason - December 06, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ *Bren Gleason lit a candle in memory of R. Daniel Lykins*



Bren Gleason - December 06, 2021 at 02:16 PM



“ *Dan, may you rest in peace with God forever. You were a good friend.....and a great mentor and role model for everyone. --- Bob and Patty*

Bob Hiller - December 04, 2021 at 08:35 PM

SB

“ Dan has always been a great friend and injury lawyer to me. I first met Dan back in 1975 when he was in the same Office with Schroer, Patten, Rice, etc., and have followed him to his own Office down the road from Schroer's Law Office. He and Judy always made my day when they would send me a nice Birthday Card every year. I'm going to miss these Birthday Cards now and forever, but I will never forget the only Lawyer who would always give me the advice I needed for free of charge. I went to Pre-Law at Colorado Technical University because of the inspiration of this great man. My nickname from Dan was "Motorcycle Kid" because he knew I loved riding my motorcycle everywhere. He was like my mom, a very big supporter and believer that helmets saved lives, and he was right, because after 5 accidents on my motorcycle, my helmet saved my life every time.

May our Lord give Judy and their kids and grandkids comfort every day with the loss of such a great man. Amen!

*Sgt. Connie A. Bailey; a.k.a.; The Motorcycle Kid
Jesse L. Bailey
Howard W. Bailey*

Sgt. Connie A. Bailey - December 04, 2021 at 06:26 PM

KT

“ *Judy and Family,
I was fortunate enough to be Dan's early morning aerobics instructor at the then Wood Valley Raquet Club for several years. Dan very rarely missed the 6:00 AM step class! We had a great group of regulars and even when I stopped teaching, Dan would make a point to stop, say hello and we would do a quick catch up whenever we saw each other at events. I love his sense of humor and will miss seeing Dan at the KSU football tailgates - but I hope to see you and your beautiful family there next year. Lots of love to you - Kathy Taylor*

Kathy Taylor - December 03, 2021 at 05:28 PM

CG

“ *Cindy L Gatz lit a candle in memory of R. Daniel Lykins*



cindy L gatz - December 02, 2021 at 09:25 PM

RP

“ *Judy and family, we are so taken back at the lose of Dan. He was a dedicated family man and attorney. When we visited with you and Dan , we so loved hearing your stories of family and latest K- state venture. He willed be missed by so many. Our deepest sympathy. Ruben and Stephanie Perez*

Ruben Perez - December 02, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of R. Daniel Lykins.*



December 02, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ *Judy and family, we are saddened about Dan's passing, but we are also thankful that his suffering is now over. He was the epitome of a great warrior throughout his life. We were blessed by having known him and will miss him greatly. Tom & Mary Jane Bradley*

Tom & Mary Jane Bradley - December 02, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ *Judy and family, I'm so very sorry. He was a good friend who fought an heroic journey. I've had medical issues of my own this year, and I regularly thought that if Dan can keep fighting through what he's enduring, I can do this. An inspiration. Thanks for sharing him.*

Larry Tenopir - December 01, 2021 at 05:48 PM



*Judy and Family,
So sorry to read of Dan's passing. May you be comforted by God's presence in the days ahead..your neighbors from yesteryear..Gary and Linda Kentch.*

Gary & Linda Kentch - December 01, 2021 at 10:55 PM

CG

Dearest Judy and family, we are so saddened to hear of Dan's passing. We always loved to talk about the Grandchildren we share and of course K-State football. Dan was Always so happy and a joy to be around...We are praying for you all in this most difficult journey, May God wrap you all in his arms today and the days that follow Love Jim & Cindy Gatz and families.

cindy L gatz - December 02, 2021 at 09:16 PM

JF

“ *Judy and Family: I am so very sorry for your loss. Julie Fischer*

Julie Fischer - December 01, 2021 at 10:17 AM

TL

“ *Thinking of you all and keeping you in our prayers. Treasure all the memories.* ❤️🙏

Tom & Connie Lueken - December 01, 2021 at 08:08 AM

PO

“ *We had the joy of meeting Dan through his mother, Mary. She was the best neighbor we've ever had. Through the years Dan became a true friend to our family. He helped advise us and many of our friends. We will miss him. We send our love and prayers to the Lykins family.*

Paul and Teresa Ogle

paul and Teresa Ogle - November 30, 2021 at 11:14 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of R. Daniel Lykins.*



November 30, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ *I can never repay the debt I owe Dan as both a mentor in the legal field and a friend. He was a truly kind soul who was a fierce advocate for the "little man". The impact he had on the Topeka community will reverberate for generations to come.*

Noah Dumpert - November 30, 2021 at 12:30 PM



“ *Dan Lykins was a star trial lawyer. He advocated with strength and passion every day. He was a warrior lawyer and a wonderful human being.*

Larry Wall

Larry Wall - November 30, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to Judy and her family. Dan is once again healthy and strong and will watch his beloved Wildcats in Heaven.*

Reita Horning - November 30, 2021 at 08:32 AM

DH

“ *To Judy and family
Dan was the ultimate KSU fan. Loved his enthusiasm. He truly
loved our profession and zealously represented his clients
He will be missed
Don Hoffman (Hays)*

Donald Hoffman - November 29, 2021 at 09:26 PM

AM

“ *Audrey Mross purchased the Lavender Reflections
Spray for the family of R. Daniel Lykins.*



Audrey Mross - November 29, 2021 at 02:55 PM

AM

“ I met Dan and Judy Lykins when K-State Athletics matched me with them to share a loge box to watch K-State play in March Madness in OK City. We were on the club level, so at the half & between games we would run to the bar, enjoy an adult beverage, and then run to our seats. In the ensuing years, I would see them again at BSFS and at bowl games, always in head-to-toe purple and Dan "betting the farm" that the Cats would win! Dan was one of the first to join when I set up a virtual networking group for K-State alums who are lawyers. And then proudly referred Brendan to the group. Through real-time conversations & virtual posts, I got to know a man who loved his country, loved his state, loved his university and fiercely loved his Judy, his kids and his grandkids. He was not content to keep that love close . . . he turned it loose in so many ways, to improve the lives of so many in his ambit. Simply a very good man who I will miss deeply, until we meet again. In keeping with Dan's wishes, I'll end this with "Go Cats!"



Audrey Mross - November 29, 2021 at 02:34 PM

KA

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Kansas Trial Lawyers Association - November 29, 2021 at 01:44 PM

JF

“ Dan was a good person who loved people and life. Always willing to right a wrong and help people with his time and resources. He was a strong democrat and it was difficult to end a conversation with him without him wanting to talk about his beloved Kansas State football teams. He was a good lawyer, a man of integrity and character. Life will be a lonelier place without Dan.

John Frieden

john C. Frieden - November 29, 2021 at 01:26 PM

KK

“ Dan was a wonderful, wonderful person. I knew him through KTLA. He was attending meetings this month as he loved the organization and was a loyal and faithful member. He will be so very missed.

Kathy Kirk

Katherine Kirk - November 29, 2021 at 11:55 AM

DM

Amen.

Donald McKinney - November 29, 2021 at 03:44 PM

DG

“ *Mr. Lykins-*

*You did not lose the battle Sir, you won the War.
It was a pleasure working for you. Rest In Peace Dan.*

Judy-sending prayers your way-

Dawn

Dawn Gomez - November 29, 2021 at 11:38 AM



“ *Memorial Trees was
purchased for the family of R. Daniel Lykins.*

November 29, 2021 at 10:33 AM