



## Ralph Wilford Stevens

November 11, 1927 - May 13, 2024

Ralph Wilford Stevens, 96, passed from this earth Monday, May 13, 2024, in Topeka, Kansas.

He was born on November 11, 1927, to Mark and Lottie (Wilson) Stevens in Joplin, Missouri.

Ralph graduated from Erie High School. After high school, he joined the Navy for two years, then later graduated from Washburn University in 1952. He worked for the State of Kansas for 39 years before retiring. Ralph was a member of the First Christian Church, regularly donated blood, and was an avid fisherman and bowler. He was bowling twice a week up until recently.

He married his beloved wife, Marjorie on July 18, 1948, at the First Christian Church in Erie, Kansas. They later had three children. They enjoyed 62 years together.

Ralph is survived by three children, Beverly Wells (Larry), Kathy Gardner (Paul), and Mark Stevens (Marlene); grandchildren, John Horton, Chris Pearson, Tye Robertson, Elizabeth Wells, and Melissa Gonzales; 12 great-grandchildren, three great great-grandchildren; sister, Evelyn Tomlin; and special friend, Sandy Kitzman. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marjorie; sisters, Virginia Hilton and Clara Hammer; one grandson, Murphy

Wells; and one great-grandson, Gavin Carson.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Friday, May 17. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be to Salvation Army or Capper Foundation in care of the funeral home [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 16. 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

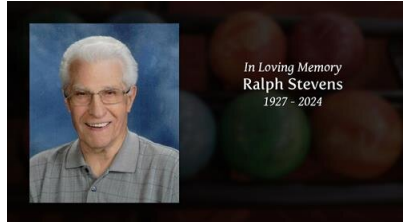
MAY 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph Wilford Stevens



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Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - May 15, 2024 at 11:44 AM

LS

“ Ralph and my father, Joe Sample, were good friends. They both grew up in Erie and were in the same graduating class at EHS. Dad often spoke of the wonderful friendship they shared over the years. I know my parents always enjoyed seeing Ralph and Marge when they all returned to Erie for class reunions. With sincere sympathy,  
Lynn Sample

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Lynn Sample - May 19, 2024 at 05:34 PM

MR

“ Mark, Marlene, Tye and all the family. I'm sorry for your loss it's never easy You are in my prayers. Mary Ramirez

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Mary Ramirez - May 17, 2024 at 06:06 AM

RC

“ *Mark, Marlene & family,  
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. May all your wonderful memories help ease the pain in your hearts. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
God bless. Rick and Lesa Cyr*

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**Rick and Lesa Cyr** - May 16, 2024 at 07:19 PM

RH

“ *Kathy, Chris, and Family. Sorry for the loss of your Dad !! May your faith, family, and friends help you through these tough times. I can still picture his fishing gear back there by the garage. And how much he loved fishing. You will always have the memories.*

*Rick Hill*

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**Rick Hill** - May 14, 2024 at 05:34 PM

DA

“ *Mark, Marlene and Family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. May God give you strength and comfort in the days ahead. Deepest sympathy. Hugs.*

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**Dan & Sue Affolter** - May 14, 2024 at 08:50 AM