



Dr. Randy Lee Freeman, Ph.D.

July 3, 1956 - June 24, 2016

Randy Lee Freeman, 59, of Silver Lake, passed away Friday, June 24, 2016, at the House at Midland Care, surrounded by his family.

Randy was born on July 3, 1956, in Topeka, the son of Robert and Betty Harper Freeman. He was educated in Topeka schools, where he graduated from Topeka High School in 1974. He graduated from Sterling College in Sterling KS and received his Ph.D. from Kansas State University. Randy and Patricia Marie Hayden were united in marriage in 1982 at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Randy was superintendent for numerous schools, finishing out his career as superintendent and grade school principal for USD 482 in Dighton KS. Randy loved helping his students reach their full potential. Randy was a volunteer EMT, serving his community, in every town that he lived in. He was a member of the Kansas National Education Association, Knights of Columbus and Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church.

Randy loved sports and could always be found in the stands at any sporting event that was going on. Above all else, Randy loved his family. He was always there to support and encourage his children and never missed one of their games. Randy was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother. He was dearly loved and will be sorely missed.

Grateful to have shared his life are his wife, Tricia, of the home; children, Shamus Freeman (Emily), North Liberty IA and Mackenzie Freeman, Brooklyn NY; his grandson, Jackson Freeman, who was his pride and joy; brother, Bobby Freeman (Jeannene), Topeka; sister, Mary Clearwater, Topeka, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Linda Allen.

A parish rosary will be prayed at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where family will greet friends following until 8 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Mother Teresa of Calcutta Church Building Fund or to the Freeman Grandchildren Educational Fund, sent in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN 28. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JUN 28. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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2801 SW Urish Road
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Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church
2014 NW 46th Street
Topeka, KS 66618

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Randy Lee Freeman, Ph.D.



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - June 28, 2016 at 11:22 AM



“ Dr. Randy Lee Freeman, Ph.D.

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Randy was such a joy to work with. Even in tense situations he was kind, funny, and abundantly thoughtful. When I first started working at the Kansas Association of School Boards, there were several times he cut stories out of the newspaper about my husband's coaching successes and mailed them to me. It shocked me that he would take so much time and care to do something nice for someone he barely knew. But, this was the kind of wonderful person Randy was.

He also adored his family and always had stories about following them around to events. I'll miss him. Thanks to his family for sharing him with us.

*Sincerely,
Angie Stallbaumer*

Angela Stallbaumer - June 29, 2016 at 03:47 PM

KK

“ *Tricia and Family -
We are so sorry to hear about Randy's passing. It is our faith and our memories that get us through these difficult times. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
God Bless!
Tracy & Kelly Kaup and Family
West Point, NE*

Kelly Kaup - June 29, 2016 at 03:08 PM



“ *To the Freeman family,

I send my deepest condolences. I was a student at Silver Lake, in the same class as his daughter Mackenzie. He was great to have around the school, and a very, very kind and sweet man. He was always smiling. My thoughts are with all of his family during this hard time.

Sincerely,
Ashley Webb*

Ashley Webb - June 29, 2016 at 11:52 AM

BC

“ *So sad to hear the news. I knew Randy when we were both students at Sterling College. I was always glad when I bumped into him at teachers conferences. He always had a big smile and kind word.

Barbara Chadwell
Fairview, KS*

Barbara Chadwell - June 28, 2016 at 10:22 PM

SE

“ We were so sad to hear this. We have really great memories of being neighbors in Valley Falls. Our best memory was when we had 3 baby boys in that little housing area within the month of April. Praying for your family. Dale and Shelley Edwards

shelley edwards - June 28, 2016 at 07:03 PM

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shelley edwards - June 28, 2016 at 07:02 PM

DF

“ I'm so sorry about Randy's passing. I taught at Silver Lake High School and he always greeted you with a smile. My thoughts and prayers are with family and friends. Diana Frownfelter

Diana Frownfelter - June 28, 2016 at 01:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Randy Lee Freeman, Ph.D..



June 28, 2016 at 01:42 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Dr. Randy Lee Freeman, Ph.D..*



June 28, 2016 at 10:20 AM



“ *Tricia, Shamus, and Mackenzie,
I was so sorry to hear about Randy's passing. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Feel comfort in knowing that you now have a wonderful angel watching over all of you!
Kristy Ortmeier*

Kristy Ortmeier - June 27, 2016 at 11:27 PM



“ *Dr. Freeman didn't know me from anyone (married into the SL community) but always encouraged me in my studies. He would see me working on my doctoral homework at Faraz's gas station and never failed to stop and offer encouraging words and ask about my progress. I actually had planned to invite him to my defense some day. What a great man and true educator. When that time comes, I know he will be there in spirit.*

Dana Nordyke - June 27, 2016 at 09:20 PM

AH

“ Dr. Freeman had a love for all children. He was always positive and had a smile one can't forget. His mentoring was superb and he taught me a great deal in the short time that I knew him. It was truly an honor to work with him, and I thank him for his thoughtfulness. I will miss him and all his words of wisdom and encouragement. My prayers are for his family in finding comfort during this most difficult of times. Annie

Annie Haefke - June 27, 2016 at 05:18 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dr. Randy Lee Freeman, Ph.D..



June 27, 2016 at 02:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Randy Lee Freeman, Ph.D..



June 27, 2016 at 12:29 PM



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June 27, 2016 at 12:07 PM

KG

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Freeman family during your time of loss. Randy's life story was an inspiration as he was a devoted family man, teacher, coach and a mentor to so many people. He was a hero not only in his day to day work but in his volunteer hours. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

Ken and Judy Grose

Ken Grose - June 27, 2016 at 11:45 AM

MS

“ Randy was one special guy. I got to know him back in the playing softball days and when he moved to Silver Lake. My thoughts and prayers go out to family and friends of this very special gentleman.

Mack

Mack Smith - June 27, 2016 at 11:10 AM



“ Violets And Butterflies was purchased for the family of Dr. Randy Lee Freeman, Ph.D..



June 27, 2016 at 10:28 AM

KJ

“ Family of Randy: Know you are in our prayers! We share in your sorrow and loss!

Karl & Jerrine Jacobsen and great grandma Lois by her knowing share!

Karl Jacobsen - June 27, 2016 at 10:27 AM

TL

“ I am so sorry to hear the news of Randy's passing. I met Randy when we both attended Boswell Junior High School and then Topeka High School. We reconnected again through education and our program at KSU. Throughout the years we would see each other at reunions and educational events and talk about family and friends. I will miss our conversations and his upbeat attitude. Randy was always so kind - he will be missed.

Tom Lawson
Olathe

Tom Lawson - June 27, 2016 at 10:22 AM

RD

“ I met Randy when Mackenzie played basketball for Illinois State. Had a great friendship. I miss our occasional chats. My prayers go out to his family. Mackenzie we are praying for you and your Mom and family. RIP Randy

Roger Dyson - June 27, 2016 at 10:08 AM

BC

“ I met Randy through education and over the years I spent time talking to him and gaining his knowledge about being administrator. Randy always had positive things to say and always was there when I contacted him with a question. He will be missed.

Bill Clark
USD 330 Mission Valley

Bill Clark - June 27, 2016 at 09:55 AM

MC

“ Bobby, Mary & the Freeman Families,

My heart is breaking to read about the passing of Randy.



I had the privilege to of worked with, Randy, on Stormont Vail Ambulance as an EMT way back prior to, Randy, going to college.

Randy, was a passive, religious person with so much compassion for others.

May God Bless, Randy Freeman's Soul in Eternal Peace, Amen.

The Freeman Families are in my thoughts and prayers & may God Bless you all.

Marge (Walters) Cooper - June 27, 2016 at 04:34 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Randy Lee Freeman, Ph.D..



June 27, 2016 at 12:37 AM

TB

“ *The Hartnett's, Mark, Denise, Shane, Briana purchased the Violets And Butterflies for the family of Dr. Randy Lee Freeman, Ph.D..*



The Hartnett's, Mark, Denise, Shane, Briana - June 26, 2016
at 10:47 PM



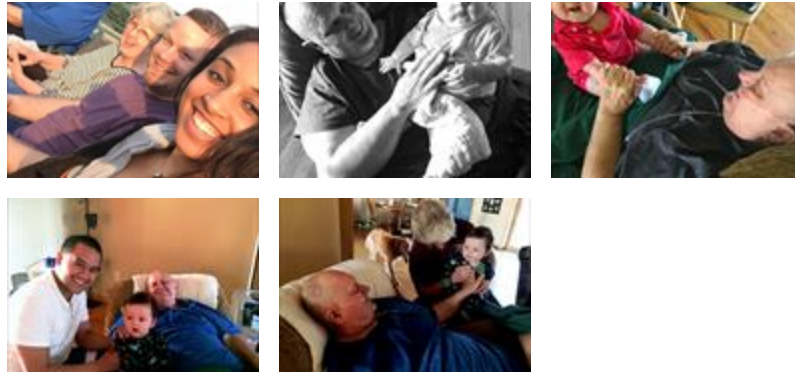
“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Randy Lee Freeman, Ph.D..*



June 26, 2016 at 08:28 PM

SF

“ *7 files added to the tribute wall*



Shamus Freeman - June 26, 2016 at 08:10 PM

MB

“ I always enjoyed Randy at the Greenbush Superintendent Forums in Topeka. Randy was always positive, and a straight shooter when he had something to say. I will miss him.

Mike Bodensteiner

Mike Bodensteiner - June 26, 2016 at 05:11 PM

AU

Our deepest sympathy to your family. I enjoyed working with Tricia and getting to know Randy at sporting events and bank gatherings. He will be truly missed.

Alisa Uhing - June 26, 2016 at 09:09 PM

RP

“ *Rose, Brittany A., Brittany M., Kayleen, and Patti purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. Randy Lee Freeman, Ph.D..*



Rose, Brittany A., Brittany M., Kayleen, and Patti - June 26, 2016 at 02:18 PM

JR

“ *So sorry to hear about Randy. We missed you guys when you moved away from West Point . You were such great neighbors. We loved it when your kids thought of us as grandma and grandpa. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Dick and Joyce Reimers*

joyce reimers - June 26, 2016 at 12:08 PM

DO

“ I first met Randy when he was a student teacher at Nickerson High School. Gary Graber and I were his supervising teachers. We have followed his progress up the ladder of his profession. Randy was a good man.

Duane Osborne

Duane Osborne - June 26, 2016 at 12:05 PM

KT

“ I always enjoyed talking with Randy about my post graduate educational achievements. He was such an inspiration and had a strong passion, as I do, for education.



Keena Tarrant - June 26, 2016 at 10:12 AM

BE

“ Bill, Lorrie, Sam, Ethan, & Easton purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dr. Randy Lee Freeman, Ph.D..



Bill, Lorrie, Sam, Ethan, & Easton - June 26, 2016 at 09:12 AM

MT

“Randy was a wonderful, loving, kind, and sociable person who touched many lives and made the world a better place! I met Randy as the God-father (and great uncle) of my beautiful intelligent God-grandaughter, Amiah Clearwater and it was an instant bond. I feel blessed to have known him. Randy will not be forgotten; his memory will live on. Peace be with you, Dr. Randy Lee Freeman!



Marci Marie Tarrant - June 26, 2016 at 08:04 AM



“Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Randy Lee Freeman, Ph.D..



June 26, 2016 at 12:08 AM

KG

“Jerry and I were very sorry to hear of Randy's death. He was our superintendent for several years in West Point, NE. Our prayers and thoughts are with Tricia and all the family. May God Bless You All!
Jerry and Kay George

Kay George - June 25, 2016 at 10:45 PM

MA

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Maria - June 25, 2016 at 10:40 PM

MA

Rest in Peace Dr. Randy Freeman, my sincere condolences and respect to Freeman family.. Sincerely Maria Schinstock, West Point Nebraska

Maria - June 25, 2016 at 10:44 PM

LB

Tricia so sorry to hear of Randy's death. Know that you and the kids will be in our prayers. Dave & Linda Baumert

Linda Baumert - June 26, 2016 at 10:49 AM

MO

Tricia and family, our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. May God's love help you through this difficult time. Robert, Michelle, Rebecca, & Jamie Oligmueller.

Michelle Oligmueller - June 26, 2016 at 11:08 PM

KS

Randy touched so many lives. He lived his life with a deep and abiding faith in God, and shared his gifts openly and generously with those around him. This is the very definition of love. He will be missed, but always remembered in our hearts.

"What will survive of us is love." - Philip Larkin

*Love,
Joe and Kathy Stadler
and family*

Kathleen Stadler - July 03, 2016 at 03:43 PM