



## Randy Perez

January 29, 1957 - November 8, 2022

Randy Perez, 65, of Topeka, Kansas, was welcomed into the arms of Jesus in the early hours of Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Randy was born January 29, 1957, in Coffeyville, Kansas, to Rueben and Margaret Perez. The oldest of five children, Randy took his role as the protective, funny big brother very seriously. While Randy was not usually a troublemaker, he might have been the one who instigated the mischief and enjoyed laughing at the moment. This character trait remained with him throughout his life, leading the way to amusing antics, hilarious jokes, and rousing stories.

After playing four years of baseball at Topeka High School, Randy was awarded a baseball scholarship to Coffeyville Community College. In 1979, Randy attended a CPR class at St. Francis Hospital where the love of his life happened to be teaching. Randy and Dee (Rieschick) went on to spend forty-three joyous years together, celebrating their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary on the morning that Dee gave Randy back to Jesus. Randy and Dee were rarely seen apart. They enjoyed traveling, seeing movies, shopping, trying new restaurants, attending concerts, and throwing parties. Their marriage is the epitome of unconditional, wholehearted love.

The time Randy spent with his three sons and his nine grandchildren was the

happiest in his life. His dedication, love, and care for his sons was tenfold for their children. Randy was perpetually inspired by his desire to see his grandchildren grow up.

In January 2021, Randy retired from Lawrence Gardner High School (LGHS) after more than twenty years of employment. Randy truly enjoyed his positions with LGHS; he counseled students, diffused situations to help retain students in classrooms, and was a member of the Gang Identification Task Force for the Kansas Juvenile Corrections Complex. The last five years of his career at LGHS were spent as a paraprofessional in the English and Science departments. Randy was seemingly able to identify and resolve problems with a student before anyone else even knew there was an issue. His demeanor and presence allowed him to get the students to open up to him. He kept statistical data on student behavior and academic outcomes, assuring LGHS would keep its accreditation. A truly integral part of their school, Randy impacted all the students he interacted with and all of his fellow workers.

Randy's larger than life personality was filled with kindness. He enjoyed watching baseball, football, and basketball (RCJH), playing card games, listening to music, restoring his 1957 Bel Air, doing home renovation projects, savoring pork-chop chili, and enjoying quiet evenings on the couch with Dee. He often befriended strangers and would help anyone without an ask. Those who knew him best described him as an "angel," "magical," "amazing," "the party," "the best of the good people," and so much more.

Randy was welcomed into heaven by his father, Rueben, and his sister, Cindy. Randy is survived by his wife, Dee; his mother, Margaret; three sons, Jay (Karlana), Joshua (Luz), and Joseph (Shelby); his grandchildren, Sarah, Matthew, Henry, Cruz, Gavin, Maribella, Jordan, Eliana, and Audrey; siblings, Carla (Brad) Madison, Theresa (John) Chanay, and Rueben Dale (Michael) Perez; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends.

The rosary will be prayed at 5:00 PM on Friday, November 18, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, KS 66614. Randy's family will then receive friends until 7:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM Saturday, November 19, at Holy Name Catholic Church, Mater Dei Parish, 1114 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka, KS.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Interstitial Lung Disease Program at The University of Kansas Health System to help fund research and education for identifying ILD early, or to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka to support local kids and families in need. Donations may be sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Previous Events

## Rosary

NOV 18. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

NOV 18. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mater Dei Holy Name Church  
1114 SW 10th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Randy Perez*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - November 16, 2022 at 02:59 PM

BC

*Dee,  
Randy was the most good hearted person I knew. I am am glad to know him for these many years . Roger and I will miss him and his big smile.  
Love Beth and Roger Currier*

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**Beth & Roger Currier** - November 17, 2022 at 03:12 PM

DS

*Extending our prayers and sympathy to Randy's Family.*

*Dominic & Linda Gutiérrez*

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**Dominic A Gutiérrez Sr** - November 21, 2022 at 08:29 AM

EL

“ living with Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) was a daily struggle. I constantly felt out of breath, even while resting. Simple activities like walking to the mailbox or climbing a few stairs left me drained and gasping for air. The medications I was on gave temporary relief, but the side effects made it even harder to cope. In a moment of hope and honesty, exhaustion I decided to try the herbal program from NaturePath Herbal Clinic. At first, I wasn't sure what to expect. But after a few months on the treatment, I began to notice steady improvements. My breathing became less laboured, my coughing reduced, and I felt more energetic throughout the day. What makes this program different is that it's completely natural and gentle on the body, unlike many pharmaceutical treatments I had tried in the past. I didn't experience any negative side effects, and the improvement in my quality of life has been incredible. I've now been on the program for over nine months, and my most recent checkup showed that my condition has stabilized. For a disease that doctors told me had no cure, this was more than I could have hoped for. I feel like I've been given a second chance at life. If you or a loved one is battling ILD and struggling to find relief, I highly encourage you to explore this option. It has truly made a difference in my life. their website is [www.naturepathherbalclinic.com](http://www.naturepathherbalclinic.com)  
[info@naturepathherbalclinic.com](mailto:info@naturepathherbalclinic.com)

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**Elizabeth** - July 21, 2025 at 05:28 AM



“ Randy Perez

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

AT

“ *Death will not keep us apart, For our Love is forever, Love you Cuz*

*Tolentino Family-Westminster Co*



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**Adrian Tolentino** - November 22, 2022 at 08:22 AM

VL

“ *Vicki Lopez lit a candle in memory of Randy Perez*



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**Vicki Lopez** - November 18, 2022 at 10:15 PM

VL

*Randy you will be our hearts forever! Will miss you primo.*

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**Vicki Lopez** - November 18, 2022 at 10:16 PM

JM

“ *Randy was my co-worker for many years at Lawrence Gardner High School (YCAT). He was always helpful, kind, caring, and funny. He was a man of good heart. His family was a source of deep love and great pride. My sincere condolences to his family and friends. Randy will be greatly missed.*



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**Jane Moore** - November 18, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Randy Perez.*



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November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Dear Dee and family, so sorry to hear of Randy's passing. We are unable to accompany the family as Randy is laid to rest but our thoughts and prayers are with you. May Randy rest in peace. Our love, Mary Ellen and Sergio Carrillo Perez.*

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**Mary Carrillo** - November 17, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Randy Perez.*



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November 17, 2022 at 11:43 AM



“ *Dear Dee and Family, I was so sorry to hear about Randy's death. What a big loss for Dee and his family. I always enjoyed talking to him. For some reason, he and I would end up sitting next to each other whenever, we got together for family reunions. We would talk about our families, life and his cars. He was such a nice and sweet person. I'll never forget those times. Rest in Peace Randy. Love You All, Esther Stark*

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**Esther Stark** - November 16, 2022 at 09:04 PM

MF

“ *Manny,Raul,Elva,Delia Jimenez families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Randy Perez.*



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**Manny,Raul,Elva,Delia Jimenez families** - November 16, 2022  
at 03:56 PM

DE

“ *We are so very sorry to learn about Randy. You all have the blessing of wonderful memories to comfort you. May God continue to bless all of you with comfort and peace.* 🙏🙏🙏

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**Diana Dougan Enriquez** - November 16, 2022 at 10:49 AM

CI

“ *Dee,*

*I am so sorry to hear of Randy's passing. My thoughts are with you and your family in this time of loss.*

*Carol Inloes*

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**Carol Inloes** - November 15, 2022 at 05:11 PM



“ *Dee & boys,  
I'm so very sorry to hear about Randy. Sending my deepest sympathy to you all. Hugs, thoughts & prayers to all who's lives he touched!*

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**Bonnie Woerpel-White** - November 15, 2022 at 04:58 PM

FH

“ Frankie Holloway purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Randy Perez.



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**Frankie Holloway** - November 15, 2022 at 09:24 AM

MW

“ Wonderful family. Very sorry for your loss.

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**Mark Works** - November 15, 2022 at 09:19 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Randy Perez.



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November 14, 2022 at 03:21 PM

ED

“ Ethel J. Davis purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Randy Perez.



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**Ethel J. Davis** - November 14, 2022 at 11:28 AM

JD

“ *Dee and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Randy's love for you was always  
apparent. I will be praying for you during this difficult time.*

*Joyce Daneke*

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**Joyce Daneke** - November 14, 2022 at 09:18 AM

LC

“ *Dee I wanted to express my heartfelt condolences to you and your  
family. You are in my prayer. Lori Chavez*

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**Lori Chavez** - November 14, 2022 at 07:15 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Randy Perez.*



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November 14, 2022 at 12:47 AM

ES

“ *Dear Dee and family,  
I was so sorry to hear of Randy's death What a big loss this is for  
your family.  
Whenever, we got together for family reunions, somehow Randy  
and I found ourselves sitting next to each other or across from each  
other. We would sit there and talk about life, our kids and whatever  
came to our minds. I always found Randy to be so sweet and nice.  
I'll never forget those moments. Rest in Peace Cousin. Love You  
All. Esther Stark*

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**Esther Stark** - November 13, 2022 at 09:26 PM

MF

“ Dee, I was so sorry to hear of Randy's passing. I remember him going in and out of the shop whoever I was there. He always had a smile and was so nice. Prayers for healing now and in times to come.

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**Mary Franzen** - November 13, 2022 at 10:34 AM

MW

“ Dee - I am so very sorry to hear of Randy's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Marianne Wessel*

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**Marianne Wessel** - November 13, 2022 at 10:06 AM

RP

“ My friend I am sad to hear of your passing. I always knew you had my back. Before you met Dee she asked me to introduce her to one of my Hispanic friends. Happy for both of you when you took that CPR class. Love you Buddy.

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**Raymond Padilla** - November 13, 2022 at 09:37 AM

RP

“ Our thoughts are with Dee and family. May you be at peace Randy.



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**Ray and Gail Padilla** - November 13, 2022 at 09:33 AM

SR

“ *Shelly Ross lit a candle in memory of Randy Perez*



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**Shelly Ross** - November 13, 2022 at 08:58 AM

SR

*Dearest Dee-when I first read about Randy I cried, but while I was sitting there I smiled because whenever I thought of Randy it made me smile. He was a character & a good one. From my heart I'm so,so sorry for you & your boys, your family & Randy's family. Only God & your memories will get you through this. I love you always. God bless & take care. Shelly*

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**Shelly Ross** - November 13, 2022 at 09:03 AM

TA

“ *May God Bless you Randy. It is really hard to hear this but god knows what is best. You will be remembered forever.*

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**Tommy J Alvarez** - November 12, 2022 at 10:48 PM

TA

“ *Tommy J Alvarez lit a candle in memory of Randy Perez*



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**Tommy J Alvarez** - November 12, 2022 at 10:45 PM

ES

“ *My condolences to the Perez family . May you Rest In Peace Randy . Elva and Felipe solorio*



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**Elva Jimenez Solorio** - November 12, 2022 at 10:05 PM

CH

“ *Cindy Haefele lit a candle in memory of Randy Perez*



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**Cindy Haefele** - November 12, 2022 at 12:54 PM

KC

“ *Love to Dee and family and prayers for healing as you mourn the loss of Randy. We will always remember Randy as being kind, welcoming and easy to talk to at family gatherings and we will miss him greatly. Love, Jeff & Kris Chanay*

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**Kristin Chanay** - November 11, 2022 at 11:17 PM

RJ

“ *Prayers*



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**Raul & Connie Jimenez** - November 11, 2022 at 10:49 PM

DE

“ *Delia Jimenez Estravit lit a candle in memory of Randy Perez*



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**Delia Jimenez Estravit** - November 11, 2022 at 08:08 PM