

## Rex Counseller

March 28, 1932 - March 16, 2017

Rex L. Counseller, 84, Topeka, passed away peacefully Thursday, March 16, 2017.

Rex was born March 28, 1932, in Topeka, Kansas the son of Charles and Mabel Hostettler Counseller. He attended Sumner and Polk Grade Schools, Crane Junior High School and graduated from Topeka High School in 1950. Two years later, Rex enlisted in the US Air Force serving honorably for four years. On August 29, 1954, Rex and Shirley Ann Bailey were united in a marriage made in heaven in Hoopston, Illinois, enjoying almost 63 years together.

Rex learned the trade of butchering while working in a grocery store which he later bought, East Side Superette, along with another, Little Super. He also owned and operated numerous coin operated laundries and car washes. He loved to camp and travel owning five motor homes over 30 years, and visiting all 50 states. He and Shirley traveled the globe missing only Rome and Australia in their adventures. Rex was a simple man who treated people well, was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Grateful to have shared his life are his wife, Shirley Counseller; sons, Douglas Counseller (Jana) and Brian Counseller, who died September 21, 1975; grandchildren, Michelle Gee (Justin), Mindy Easterbrook (Jason), Ashley

Garrett (Joe) and Casey McClintock (Christina); nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter; brothers, Bob Counseller and Bill Counseller; sister-in-law, Maxine Counseller; and many well-loved nieces and nephews. Rex was also preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Douglas "Jack" Counseller, his sister, Norma Morton and her husband, Elmer.

Family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at West Side Christian Church, 432 SW Lindenwood, Topeka KS 66606. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Church. Cremation will follow. Inurnment will be private at Mount Hope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to West Side Christian Church and Midland Care Hospice, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

West Side Christian Church  
432 SW Lindenwood Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66606

## Funeral Service

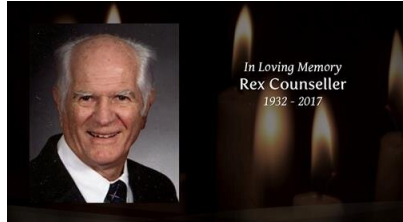
MAR **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

West Side Christian Church  
432 SW Lindenwood Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rex Counsellor*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - March 20, 2017 at 01:02 PM

JR

*I worked for Rex at his laundry behind the Dairy Queen on 17th Street in my late teens. He was an absolutely great guy that I still remember fondly after almost half a century.*

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**John Reimringer** - October 19, 2025 at 08:51 PM



“ *Rex Counsellor*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

BC

“ I love the video tribute! Some pictures I remember seeing all of my life. I especially like the one of Uncle Rex when he was a small boy! I'm sorry my kids and I couldn't be there. I'm thinking of all of you and praying for God's comfort for you.

I have a memory to share. When I was living in Lamesa, my phone rang, and the voice on the other end said, "Hello, this is your boyfriend." Now, everyone who knows Uncle Rex knows his voice when you hear it! I said, "Well, that could be, but it sure sounds like my Uncle Rex!" He just laughed and laughed. He had a wonderful laugh. That's just one of a life time of memories. Thank you, Uncle Rex, for being you!

Love, Brenda, Michael and Anna Counseller

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**Brenda Counseller** - March 21, 2017 at 11:28 AM

KR

“ So sorry for your loss. You are all in our prayers.  
Love Randy & Kathy Richards

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**Kathy Richards** - March 21, 2017 at 11:25 AM

 Kay  
Record

“ Aunt Shirley, Douglas and Jana, I enjoyed watching Rex's video tribute. I have so many happy memories of him and your whole family. He will be greatly missed. He was so much fun to be around. I'm sorry I'm not there in person to give you a big hug, so I'm sending my love long distance. Sending you prayers, love and light at this sad time. Love to you all

Kay Counseller

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**Kay Record** - March 20, 2017 at 07:39 PM

GT

“ Dear Shirley, I was saddened to learn of the passing of your sweet Rex. I know we haven't talked in ages, but I thought of you and Rex each time I would go to the Gage Post office, knowing you were close by. Please know that we hurt with you and your family.

*Sending our love with heart felt prayers for peace and mercy from our Heavenly Father.*

*Glenda and Forrest*

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**Glenda Thurber** - March 18, 2017 at 07:05 PM

MP

“ *Mike and Teresa Pettit.  
Doug and Family,  
So sorry for the loss of Rex, he was the kind of person we should all want to be like.  
I remember the little Super Market in Oakland  
Shirley and Rex were always so nice to me and my Mom.*

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**Mike and Teresa Pettit** - March 18, 2017 at 04:46 PM

JB

“ *Shirley, Frankie, Michelle, Mindy & Ashley & Families  
We are sad to hear of Rex's passing. I am so glad that we got to know your Family as we have some very fond memories spent with you all. May your good memories of Rex be with you forever. He was such a nice guy - he will be missed by everyone who met him.  
Love Bill & Jolene Bickel*

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**Jolene Bickel** - March 18, 2017 at 12:52 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Rex Counsellor.*



March 18, 2017 at 11:59 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rex Counsellor.*



March 18, 2017 at 10:52 AM



“ *Dear Counsellor family, I was saddened to hear of Rex's passing. I know you all have wonderful memories of husband, father, grandfather. I pray they will sustain you in this time of sorrow and that Rex is in the loving arms of our Father in heaven.*

*Barbara Bruner*

**Barbara A Bruner** - March 18, 2017 at 10:33 AM



*We were certainly sorry to hear of Uncle Rex's passing. To our family in Topeka, we send our love across the miles from Arizona. Rod & Rosey Bailey*

**Rod Bailey** - March 18, 2017 at 11:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rex Counsellor.*



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March 18, 2017 at 10:18 AM



“ *Mrs. Counsellor, Doug & Jana, we are so sorry to hear of your great loss. I'm sure Rex will be greatly missed. We are keeping you, his family, in our prayers.*

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**LeRoy & Eunice Winkler** - March 18, 2017 at 09:16 AM



“ *Shirley, I'll always remember how kind you and Rex were to a newly married young couple back in the early 60's. We rented the apartment from you on Byron St. We had lots of enjoyable evening visits on your front porch. Rex had a great sense of humor. It will be remembered as a fun time in my life. Sorry for your families loss.  
Connie (Lewis) Deedrick*

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**Connie Deedrick** - March 18, 2017 at 08:27 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Rex Counsellor.*



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March 17, 2017 at 08:17 PM

TG

“ Know you all are going to miss Rex. We fell so blessed to have known him. We are offering prayers for him and all of the family. God Bless you all.

*Tom and Linda Garrett*

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**Tom Garrett and Linda Garrett** - March 17, 2017 at 05:22 PM