



## Robert Keith Ball Jr.

August 29, 1973 - August 21, 2015

Robert Keith Ball Jr. (Rob) took his son, Robert Keith Ball III (Keith) who turned 21 this month to the Royals v Angels game last Thursday, and bought Keith his first beer at a baseball game. The weather was perfect. The Angels won, but Rob and Keith had a pretty perfect night with lots of laughs enjoying two of Rob's favorite things, Royals baseball and quality time with family. The following Friday, August 21, 2015, Rob passed away at age 41.

He is survived by his three children, Keith, Zachary, Faith, two step-children, Grace and Ethan; his wife, Winter Kemper Ball; his brother, Russell Ball; and his parents, Robert Keith Ball Sr. of Clarksville, Tennessee, and Linda Isabel Childers of Topeka, Kansas.

Rob was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado on August 29, 1973, and went to Mission Valley High School in Eskridge, Kansas. He married Winter Michelle Kemper on December 24, 2004.

Rob worked at Frito Lay in Topeka, Kansas for 21 years, was a member of Covenant Baptist Church where he led Awana Cubbies. He was known by his friends, family and coworkers as a dependable guy who would do anything for someone in need. He loved being a daddy, laughing at a good joke, the Chiefs, the Royals, playing games with his family, shooting pool with his friends, traveling, tea parties with his daughter, and shooting hoops with his

sons.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral service will be Thursday, August 27, 2015, at 10 a.m. at Western Hills Baptist Church. Burial will follow at West Lawn Memorial Gardens, I-70 and Auburn Road.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Robert K. Ball, Jr. Memorial Fund for his Children's Education at any Silver Lake Bank or left in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## West Lawn Memorial Gardens

I-70 & Auburn Road  
Topeka, KS 66615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **26**. 6:30 PM - 8:30 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

AUG **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Western Hills Church  
2900 SW Auburn Road  
Topeka, KS 66614

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Keith Ball Jr.*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - August 26, 2015 at 10:21 AM



“ *Robert Keith Ball Jr.*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

MI

“ Dear Winter, Earl and family,

*Winter you don't know me but I know your Dad. He is our coach at The Quiat Companies and he is an amazing man. I wanted you to know that I know how much your Dad loves his family-it shows. And because I deeply love my family too I can only imagine how hard this time has been for you-all of you.*

*So, I just wanted you to know how much you have been in my heart, thoughts and prayers. I am so glad you know that this life isn't the end but we have a great future to look forward to with the Lord.*

*Remember there are alot of people lifting you up prayer and care deeply about you and your family.*

*Warm hugs and deepest condolences from Colorado,*

*Michelle Smith and family*

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**Michelle** - September 15, 2015 at 04:19 PM



“ Linda, Russ and Keith,

*I am truly sorry for your loss. We met Rob when he was 12 going on 18. Such a smart, funny and kind young man. Then Keith came along, a spitting image of his dad. Rob was so patient, understanding and loving as single parent. There were many good memories, please hold onto them. I remember Rob's love of fireworks, boy did he have a show to put on in July, I'll always think of Rob when I see fireworks.*

*The Flowers Family*

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**Sandy Flowers** - August 26, 2015 at 05:37 PM

DM

“ Dearest Winter, Larry and I had the pleasure of sharing 7 AWESOME dinners with you on your anniversary cruise, I remember it like yesterday, you and Rob always sat in a different seat every night, and you to sharing the video of Rob, with the monkey. You too will Forever be in our hearts



Deedee Matthews - August 25, 2015 at 05:00 PM



“ Dear Winter and family, I am so very sorry to hear of Rob's death. You will be in my prayers. I am in Colorado and will not be able to be at the service. God Bless You, Jane Jepson

Jane Jepson - August 25, 2015 at 03:02 PM

RM

“ Winter and family, May God give you the peace only He gave give as you work your way through the loss of your husband and father of the children. My heart hurts for you. Love, Rose Mooneyham and family.

Rose Mooneyham - August 25, 2015 at 11:25 AM

RM

peace only He "can" give

Rose Mooneyham - August 25, 2015 at 11:38 AM

EM

*Winter, I just wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that I and my family are praying for you and your family. God is in control. Trust Him to get you through this. We have made our move to Georgia and will not be able to attend services but will be thinking of you. Ellen and Lee Martin*

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**Ellen and Lee Martin** - August 26, 2015 at 12:26 AM

JS

*“ Robert was a delight to work with. His understanding of how to 'get her done' prevailed and he was always the man you could count on . Never having a bad word to say about anyone. Many people at Frito know and loved Robert for his many talents.. My heart goes out to all the family at this sad time. May many memories of time, on earth, together help you to be comforted. God has a plan to heal your loss, and Robert is truly a new light, in heaven.  
Joyce Stuckey*

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**Joyce Stuckey** - August 25, 2015 at 07:16 AM

BR

*“ Rest in peace cousin! We will all love and remember you forever..... until we see you again!*

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**Beth Ross** - August 24, 2015 at 09:16 PM



Lavonne  
Ball  
Takatz

“ As kids you were always the shy one, and would be the first to tell on us, and me as a girl, I would hit you for being a brat and telling on us... lol

*But as you grew older, and I seen you with Keith as an infant, I was blown away of the man you had become and the love you had for your son.. I will cherish those memories always, you would make the drive from Kansas to nashville very often and I was able to see keith grow, and the bond that you 2 had was like no other.. I will always remember the way you smiled at him when he was drinking from a cup, and you were teaching him to take small drinks because the cup was so big, you were such an amazing father... I hadn't seen you in years, the trips to nashville stopped, but I was able to see your son when your dad and Theresa drove him home about 9 years ago, your son and my son played video games for hours, and it brought back so many great memories.... and then I would get pictures of Keith from Theresa, I have never met your wife nor your other children, there is a reason for that I'm sure, but what I do know, is who you REALLY were, and that's what matters, you were Rob, and you were not someone's robot, you were a father, with so much love for your son, no one can ever take those memories no matter how hard they try! Fly high cousin, Keith will carry your family name with pride!!!!*

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**Lavonne Ball Takatz** - August 24, 2015 at 07:46 PM



Lavonne  
Ball  
Takatz

“ *Lavonne Ball Takatz sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Keith Ball Jr.*



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**Lavonne Ball Takatz** - August 24, 2015 at 07:33 PM

CW

“ *My condolences to Winter, the children and family. May our Lord show His mercy, peace and strength to you all as you miss Rob. And may He shower you with grace as Rob rejoices in Heaven.*

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**charlotte watts** - August 24, 2015 at 07:15 PM

JA

“ *JOYCE ALLEN lit a candle in memory of Robert Keith Ball Jr.*



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**JOYCE ALLEN** - August 24, 2015 at 06:52 PM

JA

*My deepest sympathy for your lose. My prayers are with your family.*

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**JOYCE ALLEN** - August 24, 2015 at 06:55 PM

JA

*loss.*

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**JOYCE ALLEN** - August 24, 2015 at 07:00 PM

MM

“ *When I think of Robert, I picture him with his kids. I was Zach's teacher last year. Robert picked up Zach and Faith almost every day. This will be such a precious memory for them that many dad's don't get the opportunity to share with their kids. My heart aches for the entire family. I am keeping you all in prayers, as are many others here at school.*



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**Ms. Manhart** - August 24, 2015 at 06:33 PM

PK

*Uncle Tom and I met Rob over three years ago when he came to our wedding and liked him immediately..we could tell that he was a wonderful guy...we send our heartfelt condolences to Winter, the children and to the rest of the family. We send our Love*

Patricia Kemper - August 24, 2015 at 07:14 PM

GB

*“ You will always be Robbie to me remembering you as the darling 5 year old when I first met you along with 3yr old "Rusty". Your mm has always held a special place in my heart. My heart goes out to your family and friends, you will be so missed by all. Fly with the angels now my sweet young man, you are a peace now. Prayers were said for you at my church services yesterday along with your family and friends.....Ginny Henderson Becerra*

Ginny Becerra - August 24, 2015 at 06:14 PM

AB

*“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss....prayers and condolences to family....*



Alisa Brown - August 24, 2015 at 06:08 PM



*“ I used someone else phone below when I wrote this.. sorry...It's Lavonne*



Keith Wills - August 24, 2015 at 05:51 PM



“ Keith Wills lit a candle in memory of Robert Keith Ball Jr.



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Keith Wills - August 24, 2015 at 05:41 PM



“ Robbie, is who you will forever be, you were my kind hearted cousin with the heart of gold, when I first seen you with Keith as a baby, the way you watched over him with such love and pride, I was so proud of you, for being the father that you were, the pride in your eyes was so amazing.. that is how I will remember you! Always.. be free and find your peace..



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Keith Wills - August 24, 2015 at 05:37 PM

CH

“ *Bob, Linda and Russ. I am truly sorry for your loss of Rob. You have his whole life of memories that will bring you love, light and strength during this time of loss. Those memories are in your hearts and will help you find the way needed to hold on until you see him again in GOD'S kingdom.*

*A memory- Rob was going to a dance in high school and he wanted me to teach him how to dance slow. We did have that lesson, but laughed so hard that night that he wasn't real sure of what the outcome would be the next night at the dance. Rob, Russ and I went in 2003 and got matching tattoo's for lifetime friendship. I will cherish that bond forever.*

*God Bless to his family*

*Cindy Harries*

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**Cynthia Harries** - August 24, 2015 at 05:10 PM