



Robert Dean Banister

May 17, 1931 - August 3, 2015

Robert Dean Banister, 84, Topeka, passed away Monday, August 3, 2015, at Rolling Hills Health Center in Topeka.

Bob was born May 17, 1931, in Emporia KS, the son of Clarence Faye Banister Sr. and Mary Irene (Ferren) Banister. He graduated from Emporia High School and attended Emporia State Teachers College, where he participated in football and baseball, and was a member of the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity. On November 22, 1951, he married Joan Delphine Tobin in Emporia.

Bob worked at the Kansas Department of Transportation Materials and Research Lab for 38 years, retiring in 1993. He enjoyed coaching baseball at Ken Berry, eating out after church on Sunday, meeting his retired friends for breakfast at McDonalds, getting together with family during the holidays, watching sports on TV, attending his grandchildren's sports and activities, and sharing their accomplishments with everyone.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Joan; their children, Ronald (Terri) Banister, Wildwood MO, Jerry (Lorrie) Banister, Topeka, Julie (Bob) Hoppas, Topeka, Robert (Stacey) Banister, Topeka; ten grandchildren, Paul (Kisha) Banister, Katie Banister, Wendy (Danny) Madere, Christy (Brian) Bellifemine, Alicia Banister, Jason (Sheri) Hoppas, Brian (LaChelle) Hoppas, Derek

Hoppas, John Banister, Hayley Banister and eight great-grandchildren, Dylan, Dalton, Dayton, Adison, Aiden, Sam, Xavier, and Sophia. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Mary Banister and his brother Clarence Faye Banister, Jr.

Bob appreciated and his family thanks all the nurses and aides at Rolling Hills Health Care and the extra personal support from Midland Care Hospice.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 7th at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th St, Topeka KS 66614.

Memorial contributions may be made to Midland Care Hospice, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka KS 66606.

Cemetery Details

Penwell-Gabel Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
5973 SW 25th Street
Topeka, KS 66614

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Dean Banister*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Ron Banister lit a candle in memory of Robert Dean Banister*



Ron Banister - August 01, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ *Dad, You are so greatly missed. I wish you were around to see my grandchildren. I miss see your excitement as you watch the family together at Christmas time.
I'd love to even simply just play a game of catch out in the yard one more time.*

Ron Banister - August 01, 2020 at 09:23 AM

KB

“ Our sympathy to you, Ron, and to your family for the loss of your Dad. Even though, we never met him, I remember all the stories. He was an accomplished man who also appeared to live a full life. Loss of a parent is never easy. He passed through life and made a difference. That should be comforting to all who loved or knew him.



Our Heartfelt Sympathy,

The OTHER Katie & Paul

Katie & Paul Burridge - August 18, 2015 at 01:47 PM

KC

“ Dear Joan and Family, We were so sorry to hear about Bob. We have many fond memories. Bob and I enjoyed our friendship. I always had fun playing basketball with Bob and his son Ron. He was a good man and will be missed by all. Blessings to you and your family.

Love,

Ken and Lois Conklin

Ken and Lois Conklin - August 07, 2015 at 01:27 PM

DG

“ Mrs. Banister, Rob, Stacey, John, Hayley, and family,
The best part of Hayden baseball during the time John and my son played there, wasn't necessarily watching the games. It was having the chance to sit next to Mr. Banister and talk baseball. From him I learned he was a college roommate of Fred Kipp (Piqua, KS, parts of 4 years in MLB, 3 with Dodgers); a baseball teammate of Tiger Woods' dad one summer; and part of a team that played a game or two against the barnstorming Kansas City Monarchs. How lucky they all were to have played with or against him! He knew so much about the game and he wasn't afraid to share what he'd learned. You could tell he loved and respected it. He was very patient explaining things about it, too. He was a class act. It was impossible not to like him. If Heaven is a place with nothing but baseball and softball fields and everyone is 12 years old and you can just play the game all day long, I hope I make it inside and I hope he picks me for his team for at least one game. God bless him and all of you.
Dan, Kim, Joe, and Catie Gronniger

Dan Gronniger - August 05, 2015 at 05:46 PM

JB

“ Robbie,

I am sorry about your Dad. He was a good man. Tell your Mom I will stop by for some peanut butter and jelly the next time I am back Stateside from Italy. You all are in our prayers.

Love,

*Jeff and Leslie Burbank
burbankj2000@yahoo.com*

Jeff Burbank - August 05, 2015 at 02:31 PM

GD

“ *Joan and family, During my employment with KDOT, Materials Dept. I enjoyed the friendship I had with Bob. He was my first supervisor when I started working for KDOT in 1958. I always tried to be the same type of understanding and fair supervisor as Bob. Janet and I send our love and sympathy to your family.*

Janet and Garry Diegel

Garry Diegel - August 05, 2015 at 11:00 AM



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Robert Dean Banister.*



August 05, 2015 at 10:20 AM

NH

“ *Rob and Stacey and all of the Banister family, so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Nola Harrison

Nola Harrison - August 05, 2015 at 08:17 AM

FC

“ We send our love and sympathy to the entire Banister family. We have known Bob for so many years and have enjoyed him at our many Allard Family functions. He was always interested, generous and kind to everyone. He will be missed. We are so very sorry for your loss.

Fred and Kay Clark

Fred & Kay Clark - August 04, 2015 at 08:05 PM