



Robert "Bob" Hiatt

April 10, 1958 - May 3, 2025

Robert "Bob" Hiatt was born on April 10, 1958, in Topeka, Kansas. He passed away on May 3, 2025, at the age of 67. Bob grew up in Topeka, as the second of two children of Eugene and Geraldine Hiatt. He graduated from Topeka High School in 1976 and began a long and storied collegiate career exploring many academic interests at both Washburn University and the University of Kansas. His educational journey culminated in a Law Degree from Washburn in 1988.

On August 10, 1983, Bob married Mary Elaine Young and enjoyed 42 years of happy marriage. Bob and Elaine raised two children, Matthew and Rachel.

As a meticulous attorney with a passionate interest in consumer protection, Bob had a diverse career in both private practice and in state and local governments. He first began as a private practice attorney alongside his father. This was followed by a position as an assistant attorney general, a return to private practice, time at various departments in the Kansas government, and a later return to the Attorney General office. After retirement from the state government, Bob greatly enjoyed working for the Topeka Metro mapping bus routes and geolocating bus stops. As a lifelong Topekan, and a keen conversationalist, Bob was in his element exploring his city and getting to know its residents on the bus route. With his interest in government, he also volunteered as an election worker for many years.

A man of many interests, Bob was known for his voracious reading habits, deep well of historical knowledge, and unceasing desire to experience great live music. An avid fisherman, Bob took great pleasure in the outdoors with family road trips to the National Parks of the Mountain West, and through both scuba diving and snorkeling. In his retirement days, Bob developed an archeological interest in rock art and traveled to see ancient petroglyphs and pictographs across the American Southwest. He loved Kansas Jayhawks basketball and was a huge Kansas City Chiefs fan.

As a wonderful and funny father, devoted husband, and steadfast friend, Bob leaves us all with warm memories and hope for the future.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Geraldine Hiatt, and mother-in-law Alma Young. He is survived by his loving wife, Elaine Hiatt; their children, Rachel and Matthew Hiatt (Alexandra); his grandchild, Liam; his brother, Roger Hiatt (Patricia) and family; his father-in-law, William "Bill" Young; and a large extended family.

A service celebrating Bob's life will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 16, 2025, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Bob's service will be livestreamed on the funeral home's Facebook page. Follow this link shortly before service time, <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063672125244#>.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kansas Historical Foundation or to the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library and sent in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

MAY 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

NS

“ I hope Gayla Hiatt is okay.. 💕💕💕

Natasha Strogenmadekk - October 10, 2025 at 02:55 PM

TH

“ Bob and I worked together at the election office until we didn't. We always were going to get together but never did. Bob's principles bore out on the day he walked out of the election office. I followed shortly after. He will be remembered.

Tom Hedges - May 20, 2025 at 09:00 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert "Bob" Hiatt.

May 16, 2025 at 12:35 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Hiatt.



May 15, 2025 at 09:59 AM

PM

“ Matt, our condolences on your father's passing. May God hold him close. While we hardly knew each other he seemed to be quite a good person.

Pat Miller

Pat Miller - May 14, 2025 at 09:01 PM

SA

“ SRI / CAT Apparel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Hiatt.

SRI / CAT Apparel - May 14, 2025 at 01:03 PM

SA

“ SRI / CAT Apparel purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert "Bob" Hiatt.



SRI / CAT Apparel - May 14, 2025 at 01:03 PM

BC

“ Elaine, I am so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I am broken hearted for you. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you celebrate his life. My deepest sympathies.

Becki Childress

Becki Childress - May 12, 2025 at 02:34 PM

MI

“ *Elaine, Matt, and Rachel,
So sorry to hear about Bob. I remember fondly our grade school
days at Most Pure Heart, and was always fun catching up when we
saw each other as adults. Deepest sympathy.
Michael Smith and Jane Klim*

Michael - May 11, 2025 at 09:24 AM

SF

“ *Sabatini Family purchased the Divine Peace Bou
quet for the family of Robert "Bob" Hiatt.*



Sabatini Family - May 11, 2025 at 07:31 AM

DS

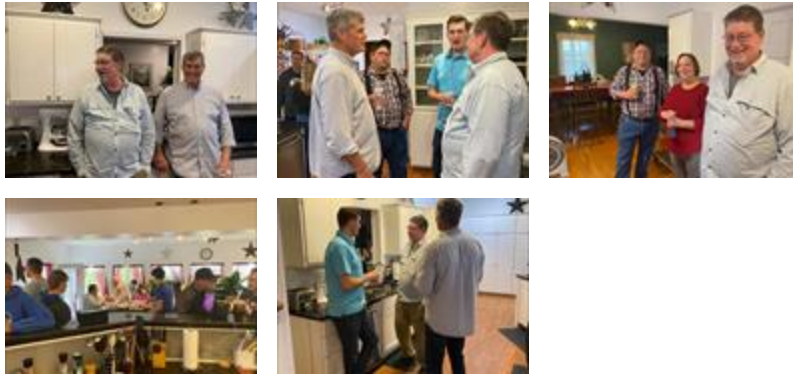
“ *Extending my prayers and sympathy to the Hiatt Family. Bob and I
were classmates, 76 TROJANS*

Dominic Gutiérrez Sr - May 10, 2025 at 10:11 AM

SB

“ *Sending you my sympathy.
I am sharing pictures from the repass for Uncle Gene.
Bob had a gift of making the complicated simple to understand.
I pray that you trust God... it is okay not to be okay... that you know
you have the prayers and love of many.*

Sherelia Webb Bowers



Sherelia Webb Bowers - May 09, 2025 at 09:09 PM

LE

“ *Elaine, Matt and Rachel,
So sad to hear of the news of Bob. My thoughts and prayers are
with you all during this time. Always hold close the memories!
Lorraine Eggen (Comstock)*

Lorraine Eggen - May 09, 2025 at 10:20 AM

RS

“ *To the Hiatt Family,
Bob was as enjoyable and engaging friend. My condolences and
prayers to all of you.
God Bless*

Rick Strecker - May 09, 2025 at 09:42 AM