



Robert "Bob" Knittel

November 4, 1930 - April 1, 2018

Robert Henry "Bob" Knittel, 87, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Sunday, April 1, 2018.

Bob was born November 4, 1930, in Kansas City, Kansas, the son of Harry and Belvia Knittel. Bob joined the Naval ROTC in High School and graduated at the age of 16 and then joined the United States Marines. He attended college and played football at the University of Missouri and William Jewel College. Bob married Pauline Rowden on September 5, 1953. He retired from Santa Fe Railroad. He loved to play pool with his family and enjoyed golf. Bob was an avid Jayhawk fan and loved to watch the basketball games and cheer on the team.

Bob was a wonderful father, grandfather, and adopted father to his nieces and nephews. He never met a stranger and enjoyed getting to know everyone he met.

Bob is survived by his wife, Pauline; children, Mark Knittel (Joanne), LeeAnne Kongs (Mike), Susan Spradley (Prentice) and Amy Curnel (James); 14 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Jack and siblings, Eddie, Imogene and Geraldine.

Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral

Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Friday, at First Baptist Church, 3033 SW MacVicar Avenue, Topeka KS 66611. Cremation to follow and inurnment will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions are suggested to The Children's Cancer Foundation, or Midland Care Hospice, sent in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **5**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

APR **6**. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
3033 SW MacVicar Ave
Topeka, KS

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Bob" Knittel



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 10, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ Robert "Bob" Knittel

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Cindy Gish lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Knittel



Cindy Gish - April 07, 2018 at 09:05 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Knittel.



April 05, 2018 at 12:01 PM

JK

“ Jack and Diane Kelly purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Robert "Bob" Knittel.



Jack and Diane Kelly - April 05, 2018 at 10:39 AM

JM

“ I grew to love Bob very quickly after meeting him and Paula. His intelligence, charm, and witty sense of humor soon became something I grew quickly drawn to about him. I had one problem, I never quite knew when to take him serious or if he was pulling my leg again. Even though I haven't known him that long it seems like I have known him a lifetime. Him and his wife soon became like extended family to me. We would have conversations at the kitchen table like the good days of the past. Bob simply touched my heart and will forever be remembered . Condolences go to the entire family. Rest in Peace Bob

Jodi Maryott - April 05, 2018 at 08:24 AM

ML

“ Bob was an interesting man who had a vast knowledge of many things. I always enjoyed having him stop by the office and share his adventures and thoughts.
He certainly loved his wife and family, He will be missed.
Mick Leeper



MICK LEEPER - April 04, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Knittel.*



April 04, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Knittel.*



April 04, 2018 at 12:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Knittel.*



April 04, 2018 at 12:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Knittel.*



April 04, 2018 at 10:28 AM

HH

“ *The Monday morning ROMEO group has missed Bob. His great knowledge of engineering always amazed me. He is and will be greatly missed. Prayers for the whole family.*

Herman & Sondra Hafenstein

Herman Hafenstein - April 04, 2018 at 10:12 AM

GS

“ *Pauline. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I always enjoyed greeting Bob and you at FBC. Bob was (and still is) one of my favorites at our church. I enjoyed talking to and listening to him. He always was so nice. He represented the elegance of growing older in my eyes. His comments were always heartfelt and kind. I truly loved our verbal exchanges as you guys came into the church or as we walked down the halls. Occasionally when we talked a slight tear would come to his eyes and I felt this huge tug at my heart at those times. To say I will miss him is an understatement. I will forever see that big teddy bear of a man grace my "FBC family" memories. He is now gracing heaven.*
Gary and Gayle Smith

Gary Smith - April 04, 2018 at 12:25 AM

SJ

“ *Pauline, Amy, Sue, Leann, and Mark,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you as your life forever changes. We were blessed to know Bob and will always remember his kindness. Bob leaves a tremendous legacy in each of you. We love you all.*

Terry and Susie Jett

Susan Jett - April 03, 2018 at 08:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Knittel.*



April 03, 2018 at 08:40 PM



“ *Pauline,*

My prayers are with you and your family. I enjoyed the many conversations Bob and I had through the years at church. I am in the Chicago area now serving a church in Oak Park, Illinois, so won't be able to be at the service. You will be in Mike's and my thoughts and prayers. Pastor Cheryl Henson

Cheryl Henson - April 03, 2018 at 07:39 PM



“ *So many of my favorite memories over the past 30+ years include the Knittel family. I am so deeply saddened by Dad's passing, yet find comfort knowing he is no longer suffering. Mom, Mark, Joanne, LeeAnne, Mike, Sue, Prentice, Amy, James and Maria - I carry each of you and your families in my heart today and every day. May you find comfort in one another, and in your precious memories of dad's life well lived. All my love, Kim*

Kim Willard - April 03, 2018 at 05:29 PM