



## Robert Turgeon

August 18, 1937 - August 16, 2025

Robert J. Turgeon, 87 of Lincoln, formerly of Topeka, Kansas, passed away August 16, 2025.

Bob was born on August 18, 1937, in Topeka to Dr. Leo V. and Vera (Weber) Turgeon. He graduated from Topeka Catholic Hayden High School in 1955. He attended Creighton University for two years, playing basketball his freshman year, and then returned to Topeka. He married Linda Harris with whom he had five children who adored him. Bob was a car salesman and was general manager for several auto dealers.

In 1996, he married the love of his life, Jean Simon, and they made their home in Louisville, Nebraska before moving to Lincoln.

Bob's passion was basketball. In addition to selling cars, he was also assistant coach for girls' basketball at Hayden Catholic High School, helping coach two State Championship teams. When his children were young, he started a youth basketball league, CCYBL, with Phil Reilly; first starting a boys' league and then adding a girls' league. This changed basketball in Topeka. Prior to this league, Topeka had two state basketball championships. After starting the league, Topeka had 18 boys and 22 girls state championship teams.

Bob enjoyed basketball, golf, fishing, music, making people laugh, and

showing cars, including his Thunderbird which won a national award. He had a passion for his Catholic faith; he was a devoted member of St. Joseph Catholic Church where he served as a Eucharistic minister, an acolyte and an usher for 17 years. When in Topeka he was a member of the Greeter ministry, Perpetual Adoration and the King's Men at Christ the King Church.

Bob's gift was that he was kind and made people of all ages feel special, worthy, and confident in themselves.

Bob is survived by his wife Jean; and children, Jim (Tracey) Turgeon, Tami (Guy) Zobel, Mark (Ann) Turgeon, Cindi (Rob) Smith, Jennifer (Shawn) Finley, Doug (Nicole) Simon, Dan (Alba) Simon, Jim (Stacy) Simon and Jon (Mindy) Simon; 33 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, son, Dave Simon, and siblings, LaVern, Doris, Leo and Vera Lee.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 29, 2025, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 940 South 77th Street, Lincoln NE 68506, where visitation will be one hour prior.

Services will continue on Friday, August 29, in Topeka, Kansas. Visitation will be from 5:30 to 6 p.m. when the rosary will be prayed at 6 p.m. and a Celebration of Bob's Life will follow at 6:30 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Committal service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 30, at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Topeka, Kansas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Pink Sisters or UsAgainstAlzheimers, sent in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 29. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church - Lincoln, Nebraska  
940 South 77th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68506

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## Visitation

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

## Rosary

AUG **29**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## Celebration of Life

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2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
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info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

## Burial

AUG **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mount Calvary Cemetery  
801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Tribute Wall

EW

“ *What a wonderful man and father. Jesus hit the jackpot. God bless your entire family. Eric Wankum*

Eric Wankum - August 31, 2025 at 02:46 PM

WB

“ *With Love, Catholic Basketball purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert Turgeon.*



With Love, Catholic Basketball - August 28, 2025 at 01:47 PM

RR

“ *Rob, Traci & Martina Reilly purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Robert Turgeon.*



Rob, Traci & Martina Reilly - August 27, 2025 at 05:03 PM

RR

“ *Rob, Traci & Martina Reilly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Turgeon.*

Rob, Traci & Martina Reilly - August 27, 2025 at 05:03 PM

TT

“ The California Turgeons purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Robert Turgeon.



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**The California Turgeons** - August 25, 2025 at 06:32 PM

VM

“ Virginia M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Turgeon.

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**Virginia M.** - August 24, 2025 at 03:53 PM

SS

“ 1 file added to the album Hayden



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**Stephen R Schmidt** - August 22, 2025 at 12:39 PM

JB

“ We were friends and were involved in car wreck in 1958. But we were lucky to make it alive. RIP Bob.  
John Beurman

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**John Beurman** - August 22, 2025 at 06:33 AM

GW

“ Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I think I bought a couple of cars from Bob at Noller Ford. We both liked neat cars and basketball. He was proud of all of his kids. Knowing Bob made it special to follow Mark's basketball success at Hayden, KU and beyond. Godspeed to all the Turgeon family! Greg Warren

GREG WARREN - August 21, 2025 at 11:46 AM

JD

I went to Hayden with Bob! Great friend & classmate! Carol Artzer McDiarmid

Joe & Carol Mc Diarmid - September 18, 2025 at 10:03 PM

ER

“ Condolences to the entire Turgeon family. I always enjoyed talking basketball with Bob. Grateful for him and Phil Reilly giving the young boys and girls in the Topeka area a youth basketball league that helped make Topeka area basketball teams some of the best in the state.

Emil Ramirez - August 20, 2025 at 02:45 PM

PD

“ Patty Dick lit a candle in memory of Robert Turgeon



Patty Dick - August 20, 2025 at 07:27 AM

GL

“ Bob was a beloved childhood friend of my mother, Virginia Rundell. She often told stories about their fun together. I also loved your dad and our conversations at Jayhawk games. She is now in a memory care unit, but sometimes she will just tell stories about her friend Bob. He made a difference and will be missed.  
Germaine(Rundell)Leuszler

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**germaine leuszler** - August 19, 2025 at 08:47 PM

TR

“ Mr Turgeon was a very good man who treated others with kindness and respect. He was a great friend to our family. Condolences to all of the Turgeon family; basketball in heaven just got a lot better.

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**Tom Reilly** - August 18, 2025 at 05:21 PM

CM

“ I went to Hayden with Bob! Great guy good friend! See ya later.....

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**Carol Artzer McDiarmid** - August 18, 2025 at 01:36 PM