



Russell Blosser, Jr.

May 9, 1949 - January 20, 2006

Russell Owen Blosser, Jr., age 56, of Topeka, went to join his Saviour, Jesus Christ on Fri, Jan 20, 2006 at St. Luke's Hospital in KC, MO. After a 6 week battle the staff at St Luke's said they had never seen a more courageous warrior.

Russell was born May 9, 1949 to Russell and Lucille Thiel Blosser, Sr., in Bryan, OH.

Russell graduated in 1967 from Columbus High School in Columbus, IN. He earned his B.S. in Education from KU in 1971.

He married Kathryn Beguelin June 24, 1972 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lawrence, home of the Jayhawks.

He is a member of the faith community of Wanamaker Woods Church of the Nazarene. He organized The America for Jesus Faith Rally in the mid 80's. He was a member and past president of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. He was a great friend, brother, husband, father, & grandfather who passionately pursued life. His faith was always on display in the way he lived his life. His walk was his greatest testimony. He was known to live by his personal motto, "Make It Happen," and he did. He was constantly investing himself in helping people pursue their dreams through hard work and

education.

Russell spent over 20 years in management & training for Tempo-Gambles, and Duckwall-ALCO. He worked for the State of Kansas as a trainer for the Dept. of Revenue, and an auditor for the Racing Commission. He was a member of the local, state & national Society of Human Resources Management, and past president of the Topeka Chapter. He was awarded the local Human Resource Professional of the Year in 2005. He taught the SPHR licensure prep courses at Washburn University. He currently worked as the Human Resource Manager for the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library.

Survivors include his wife Kathy, Topeka; sons, John & his wife Amy Blosser, Van Alstyne, TX, Philip & his wife Lori Blosser, Topeka; daughter, Sarah & her husband Tim Krueger, Topeka; four grandchildren, Camden, Tory & Haven Blosser, TX, and Easton Blosser, Topeka; brother, James Blosser, Lawrence, and a sister, Diana Meece, Bloomington, IL.

Mr. Blosser will lie in state Mon 4-8 p.m with family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. at Kevin Brennnan Family Funeral Home. Services will be Tues at 11:00 a.m. at Wanamaker Woods Church of the Nazarene. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wegener's Granulomatosis Association, PO Box 28660, KC, MO 64188.

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Blosser, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear Daughter, your Mother and Dad love you so much and we, both, loved Russell just like a Son. We will miss him the rest of our lives. We cannot forget what all Russ did to help us find a car in 2001, finding our home in Topeka in 2005, working with the realtors, the bankers, the owner/builder; and working with the realtors in selling our former home located in Lswrence in 2005. Russ made many, many contacts with persons who helped us move into our Topeka home on July 15,2005, he took a big burden off your Mother's and Dad's shoulders in connection with the purchase of our car, the purchase of our Topeka home and the sale of our Lawrence home as well as the many other things he did for our family. He was so much 'fun' to be with at family holiday get-togethers, Christmas gift planning, week-end barbiques at your homes on SW 27th Street and the one on Cannock Chase, trips to Sherman, Texas to visit John Blosser and his fine family -- Amy, Camden, Tory and Haven. God is bottling up our tears so we will not forget our fond memories of one of the finest men your Dad ever met in his 79 years here on Planet Earth. We both, Mother and Dad, LOVED RUSSELL very much. We quote Matthew 11:28 - 30 (JESUS said) "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

IN SYMPATHY OF OUR LOSS. Dad and Mother

OUR DEAR DAUGHTER, KATHY - February 16, 2006 at 10:25 AM

JK

“ Dear Mrs. Blosser,
I am so sorry for your loss.
I too knew Russ at the public library. He was both accommodating and encouraging when I applied for work some years ago and again recently when I inquired about the possibility of returning to employment there.
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your children, that warm memories and the love of God will carry you through this difficult and sorrowful time.
Judy Kash

Judy Kash - January 24, 2006 at 07:38 PM

RW

“ DEAR KATHY, JOHN, PHIL, AND SARAH, EVENTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN SOME TIME SINCE I HAVE SEEN OR VISITED WITH YOUR FAMILY, I WAS DEEPLY SADDENED TO SEE AND HEAR OF RUSS'S DEATH. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER WHEN YOUR FAMILY CAME TO VISIT ME IN THE HOSPITAL WHILE MY WIFE WAS IN THE LATTER STAGES OF LIFE. I NEEDED FRIENDS AND FAMILY AT THAT TIME AND YOUR FAMILY WAS THERE. RUSS WAS ESPECIALLY COMFORTING AS HE TALKED ABOUT MY SITUATION AND LIFE IN GENERAL. I NEEDED TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION, GOD DEFINITELY PUT RUSS IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME AND I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THANK YOU. MY SYMPATHY AND MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO ALL OF YOU IN YOUR TIME OF GRIEF, MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.

RON WARTA - January 23, 2006 at 03:49 PM

MA

“ To John and the entire Blosser family,

I was saddened to hear of your father's passing on Sunday. It's been a while since we've seen each other -- quite a long time, but my wife and I will remember you all in our prayers throughout the coming weeks. Please accept my deep sympathy for your loss. Your father was a kind and good man. God bless you and your entire family.

*Mark Allen
Maplewood, MN*

Mark Allen - January 23, 2006 at 03:24 PM

LS

“ To Kathy Blosser and family, you have my prayers and my tears at the loss of such a wonderful man. He will be deeply missed at the Library where I work and the church where I worship. The words below I wrote when my father died earlier this month. They brought me comfort and I pray they will bring comfort to you also. Your sister in Christ, Lynn Shirley

These Things I Know:

I know that all things do work together for good to those who love God. I know that God loves us more than our minds can grasp. I know that our names are written on the palms of His hands. I know He saves our every tear. I also know that nothing this world has to offer can compare to what God has prepared for those who love Him. I know that whatever has been withheld from us in this life, whatever dreams are unfulfilled or hopes are left unrealized, will not be missed when we stand on golden streets and behold the face of our Savior. I know that by dying and rising again Christ forever conquered death. I know that when we take our last breath on earth our next breath will be of the sweet air of heaven. I also know that we will one day be reunited with our loved ones who share in the hope of the resurrection and that we will never again be parted. I know that one day our tears will be no more. I know all these things and so though I still mourn because in this world there is still mourning and though I still weep because in this world there are still tears, I do not lose hope. I have read the end of the story and I know the joy that is to come.

Behold I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and dine with him, and he with Me. He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. Revelation 3:20-21

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I

saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them, and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall be no longer any death; there shall be no longer any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." And He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. He who overcomes shall inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son."

Revelation 21:1-7

*He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly."
Amen. Come Lord Jesus. Revelation 22:20*

Lynn Shirley - January 23, 2006 at 10:51 AM

AF

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you. He was a special person to you all and he touched many.

a friend - January 22, 2006 at 09:19 PM

TS

“ Kathy, John, Phil, Sarah & Family-The Library will not be the same without Russ and all of the humor he brought with him. Coffee breaks won't be the same. I will miss the Monday morning HR staff meetings where we did a little work and a lot of sharing about our weekends and our family time. He was a real family man and I admire the closeness that each of you have with one another. I will miss the flying rubber bands and wads of dark chocolate candy wrappers flying through the adjoining door between our offices. We did work, but we had a lot of fun doing it-because of Russ. This time of sorrow is also a time of growing closer with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Draw near to Him. Hold one another tightly, as before you know it, we'll all be in Heaven together rejoicing with Russ. He ran the race and perservered to the streets of gold in Heaven. I'm sure he's helping God to make it perfect for each of you! I also have a picture in my mind of Russ in angel wings...doesn't quite fit, but then again I did get to meet his mother! :) What fun they must of had reuniting in Heaven! May God sustain you during the weeks/months to come. In Christ, Tracy Seitz

Tracy Seitz - January 22, 2006 at 07:14 PM

JJ

“ On behalf of the trustees and the staff team members of The Library Foundation, I would like to offer our condolences and sympathy to Russ's family.

As a library colleague who shared his affection for the University of Kansas, I will particularly miss comparing notes with Russ on the fortunes of the Kansas Jayhawks.

I also recall how helpful he was when my wife and I were trying to improve a small pool garden we'd installed near our home. He assisted not only with good advice, but also by donating some water plants to help us get started.

In the years I worked with Russ, I had picked up on the fact that he believed "in helping people pursue their dreams through hard work and education." I hope his family will not mind if I make a donation in his memory to our Library's Oveson-Campbell Homework Center, which assists children and young adults in that same spirit.

Sincerely,

Jim McHenry, Jr.

Jim McHenry, Jr. - January 22, 2006 at 09:51 AM

DR

“ *Kathy, John, Phil, Sarah and family. Russ was our very dear friend as you all are. Both myself and Recie will miss him dearly. We have our memories of Russ which we will treasure within our hearts. We both enjoyed our outings with Russ and Kathy each week. We remember all your family outings that we attended and saw the great love your family has for each other and how proud Russ was of his family. That is so true as we remember our visit with you yesterday. You all have our prayers and love today and always! Both Recie and I look forward to getting with you Kathy to continue our great friendship! Love you all, Dave & Recie*

Dave & Recie - January 22, 2006 at 09:30 AM

BB

“ *Kathy, Sarah, and Blosser family...our prayers are with you all.
Russ was a special Man who was always ready to hand out a laugh
and support his family, that was evident to in everything that he did.
I am so sorry for your loss.
Love and Prayers,
Bree, Jared, and Ethan Brown (Larsen)*

Bree Brown - January 22, 2006 at 08:28 AM