



Russell "R.B." Cowhick

July 13, 1927 - January 11, 2023

Russell "R.B." Benton Cowhick passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

R.B. was born July 13, 1927, at Severance, Kansas, the son Russell and Dottie Turley Cowhick. He married Avis Tenpenny of Oskaloosa, Kansas, on April 24, 1954, at St. Joseph, Missouri, enjoying 68 years together.

He graduated from Ozawkie High School in 1945, enlisted in the Merchant Marines, and later served in the US Air Force.

Upon honorable discharge, R.B. was employed by Goodyear Tire and Rubber for 38 years. Following his retirement in 1988, he worked as Sergeant of Arms for the Kansas State Legislature for 13 years.

R.B. was an avid gardener and enjoyed playing in three different card clubs. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion, Moose Club and Our Savior's Lutheran Church. He loved sports and enjoyed watching the KC Royals, KC Chiefs, and KU Basketball. He took great pride in attending his grandchildren's sporting events.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Nova McCarter and Ina Jane Worthington McCollum.

R.B. is survived by his wife Avis, of the home; daughter, Susan (Dick) Decker, Oskaloosa, KS; and son, Kent (Missy) Cowhick, Topeka, KS. He was blessed with five grandchildren, Jenica (Rich) Jones, Olathe, KS, Jayma (Henry) Alcala, Galva, KS, Jared (Jill) Decker, Oskaloosa, KS, Chris (Hollie) Cowhick, Las Vegas, NV, and Erica (Wes) Book, Spring Hill, KS.

He enjoyed his thirteen great-grandchildren: Coby and Peyton Jones, Braison and Adilynn Alcala, Braden and Tinley Bagby, Delaney Decker, Jake and Emma Thorne, Kinsley and Avery Cowhick, Carsyn and Kyndall Book..

Funeral services will be held Monday, January 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2021 SW 29th, Topeka, KS, followed by graveside services at Memorial Park Cemetery, 3616 SW 6th Ave. Visitation will be held Sunday, January 15, from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. at the church.

R.B.'s family expresses deepest gratitude to the St. Croix Hospice team (Tara, Joanna, Charlene, Rhonda, Rose, Alaura, Rebecca, Latasha, Pastor David, McKenna, Camille, Heather, and Theresa) who lovingly took care of R.B. during his final days.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Our Savior's Lutheran Church or St. Croix Hospice, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka, KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **15**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
2021 SW 29th Street
Topeka, KS 66611

Funeral Service

JAN **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
2021 SW 29th Street
Topeka, KS 66611

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Russell "R.B." Cowhick



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - January 15, 2023 at 04:55 PM



“ Russell "R.B." Cowhick

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Dear Avis, Susan, Kent and Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy to each of you.



Jack and Jane Pierce - January 17, 2023 at 05:31 AM



“ Avis I am so sorry for your loss. I am out of town so couldn't be there for you. May God bless you and your family. Kim Hines City Council president. Beta Sigma Phi

kim Hines - January 16, 2023 at 12:10 PM

DF

“ Avis, so sorry to hear about R.B. I have very fond memories of many sorority socials from years past. Know he will be missed by all of you. You are in my prayers. Donna Freel

Donna Freel - January 15, 2023 at 06:08 PM

JH

“ Avis- I am so sorry for your loss. Russell was such a kind man and I know how deeply missed he will be by his family and friends.

Jammie Hedrick - January 15, 2023 at 03:38 AM

LR

“ Avis & family we are so sorry for your loss. Loved RB's smile & deep laughter! So many good memories of his generous and caring nature. I'm so grateful he was a part of our families' lives & we will truly miss him. May you all have the love comfort & peace in knowing he is living his best life with Jesus. Tom & Lana Ryan

Lana K. Ryan - January 15, 2023 at 12:11 AM

MH

“ The cowlicks welcomed us to our church when we joined in 1973 . We spent many church activities together and fellowship together. Rip my brother in Christ

Myron Holter

Christinourhome.blogspot.com

myron holter - January 14, 2023 at 06:59 PM

ST

“ Avis, I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Cowhick (as we called him) was such a wonderful man! He was truly a kind and patient soul. We enjoyed living on The Drive so much. Those were great years watching him work in the yard, and chatting with you about the neighborhood history. Prayers and comfort to you - Roy and Staci Pershall

Staci - January 14, 2023 at 01:14 PM

MP

“ Avis, Kent & Missy, Chris, Erica, Sue & Dick, all the kiddos, my thoughts are will you. Thinking of RB brings back such special times and memories. Remembering his stature when he walked into a room and his great chuckle and playfulness, we were always warmed by his presence. He always welcomed and treated us and Ty & Mallory like his own family. Miss those good old days. Hugs until you see him again.

Martine Padilla - January 14, 2023 at 10:06 AM

LW

“ Avis and family, so sorry to hear about your loss. Lifting you up in prayer and sending my love. Linda

Linda Woodland - January 14, 2023 at 09:04 AM

SA

“ Avis, So sorry for your loss. May the Lord hold you in His loving arms through the difficult days ahead. Joyce called me with the news. Met you when Steve passed away. Our deepest sympathy. Gale & Suzy Atherton



Suzy Atherton - January 13, 2023 at 09:31 PM

LF

“ Sorry to hear of RB's passing. Brings back many memories of the "old times" when we were on Fremont Street -- remembering all our good neighbors, Ray and RB sharing rides together to Goodyear, all the kids playing together before the street was opened up and many more. RIP RB, you were a good neighbor and a good man.

Lavon Vossen & Family - January 13, 2023 at 04:22 PM

MW

“ Avis & Cowhick family, So sorry to read about Mr. Cowhick passing. You both were a delight to see when you would come for your dental visits. Condolences and prayers. Marcia White

Marcia Hansford White - January 13, 2023 at 02:58 PM

SO

“ I am saddened by your loss, I remember many good times. Sending hugs and prayers your way.
Suzie Scott Oakes (Marjorie's daughter)
Leawood, KS

Suzie Oakes - January 13, 2023 at 06:03 AM

 Larry Wohlgemuth

“ Sue, sorry to hear about your loss.

Larry Wohlgemuth

Larry Wohlgemuth - January 12, 2023 at 06:06 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Russell "R.B." Cowhick.*



January 12, 2023 at 04:17 PM



“ *Avis and Family, Saddened to hear of the loss of 'RB'. Sending you Sympathy and Prayers. Steven Leonard*

Steven M Leonard - January 12, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“ *Avis, so sorry to hear of the passing of RB. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Janey A Eaton - January 12, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *Avis, Bruce & I send our sympathies on R.B.'s passing. Sending you virtual hugs across the miles & keeping you in our prayers. Linda Krueger*



Linda Krueger - January 12, 2023 at 02:28 PM

TC

“ *Mr Cowhick was such a fabulous man. We were neighbors for many years. We were honored to help Mr Cowhick whenever he needed assistance and called. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Cowhick and family.*

*God bless
Tom and Melanie Coffman family*

Tom and Melanie Coffman - January 12, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Russell "R.B." Cowhick.*



January 12, 2023 at 12:04 PM