



## Russell Reynolds

March 22, 1945 - September 23, 2022

Friends and family are invited to celebrate the life of Russell L. Reynolds on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, 4700 SW 17th Street, in Topeka.

Russ' family will greet guests from 10 a.m. until his Celebration Service begins at 11 a.m. Guests are encouraged to honor Russ' love of ALL sports by wearing their favorite team colors that day.

Russell Lowell Reynolds, 77, Topeka, Kansas, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, September 23, 2022. Russ was born March 22, 1945, in Wamego, Kansas, the son of Claude Wilson and Irene Ruth (Howard) Reynolds. He graduated from Highland Park High School in 1963. He was a two-sport letterman in basketball and track for the Scotties. He attended Washburn University and graduated with a Bachelor of Business degree. He served in the Kansas National Guard from 1966 to 1972.

Russ was employed by Topeka Bank & Trust as Assistant Vice-President, First State Bank as Vice-President and member of the Board of Directors, Fairlawn Plaza State Bank as Vice-President, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the State of Kansas Department of Labor (retired in 2010).

Russ and Connie Marie Metz were united in marriage from 1968 to 1998. He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Irene Reynolds; brother, Michael Claude Reynolds; and nieces, Rebecca Michelle Reynolds and Heidi Linnay Garren-Everley. He is survived by daughter Melissa Marie Flesher (Ryan), Topeka; daughter Allison Marie Pankratz (Scott), Gardner, KS; daughter Malinda Marie Hostetler (Brian), Overland Park, KS; brother Douglas Howard Reynolds (Linda), Topeka; and grandchildren Tyler Russell Flesher, Dylan Ryan Flesher, Mallory Rebecca Marie Pankratz, Kemper Scott Pankratz, Bowen Lee Hostetler, Cru Russell Hostetler, Rhett Steven Hostetler; several nieces and nephews; and many long-time friends.

Russ was thankful for being raised by the best loving parents and for brothers whom he idolized. He was also proud of growing up in the Highland Park neighborhood and for all his friends and classmates. He cherished helping raise three beautiful and amazing daughters, and watching his grandchildren as they grew-up. He enjoyed annual pheasant hunting trips and laughs with a great group of friends, slowpitch softball and having a beer after the game; and in retirement, touring this great country in his motorhome. He was a member of Countryside United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made payable to – Down Syndrome Innovations, 5916 Dearborn, Mission, KS 66202; American Cancer Society, 1315 SW Arrowhead Road Suite A, Topeka, KS 66604; American Heart Association, 13851 W. 63rd St. #346, Shawnee, KS 66216; and Helping Hands Humane Society, 5720 SW 21st St., Topeka, KS 66604.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel  
4700 SW 17th Street  
Topeka, KS 66604

## Celebration of Life Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel  
4700 SW 17th Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Russell Reynolds



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - March 21, 2023 at 10:38 AM

DE

“ Our Highland Park family has lost a very special person. Grew up with the Reynolds boys and competed with them in sports. My thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of sorrow.

Dave Epperson - March 10, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ Russell Reynolds

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

RC

“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to all of Russ's family. Russ and I met when we 3 years old. We became close friends and remained that way for 74 years. We did everything together over the years and still talked or texted nearly every day. I will miss him and think of him daily , till the day I join him!

randy currie - October 04, 2022 at 12:01 PM

DM

“ So sorry for the loss of this really nice man. We send our sympathies to the entire family and pray for comfort as they face the days ahead. Diana and Charlie Mayer

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**Diana Mayer** - October 04, 2022 at 09:04 AM

RR

“ Russ was a stand up guy. Been friends since HPHS days. Miss him.

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**Ron Redmond** - October 03, 2022 at 09:45 PM

JP

“ We are so sorry for your loss.  
With Deepest Sympathy,  
David & Julie Pope & Family

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**Julie Pope** - October 01, 2022 at 04:44 PM

CW

“ There are no words to express the love and kindness Russ was. He was something else. Kids hang on to the memories as they will last you a lifetime

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**Cathey Whitegon** - October 01, 2022 at 11:30 AM

SS

“ Have known Russ (& Reynolds) for many years - Highland Park neighbor, church and school. Blessings and wonderful memories to families and friends.

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**Sharri Shehi** - October 01, 2022 at 11:13 AM

CW

*Russ was something else. Words of his kindness do not do justice to what a loving and kind man he was. Kids hang on to your memories as they last a lifetime*

**Cathey Whitegon** - October 01, 2022 at 11:27 AM

LL

*Russell and his entire family were friends of mine he will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him*

**Larry Liggatt** - November 21, 2022 at 12:28 AM

JH

“*Sorry to hear this. I graduated from highland park in 62. Russ was always good at all he tried, and friend to all. RIP Russ,,,,,your friend Jack Hochstedler*

**Jack Hochstedler** - October 01, 2022 at 08:53 AM



“*Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Russell Reynolds.*



September 30, 2022 at 08:29 PM

EW

“*ED & SWAN WEIKEL purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Russell Reynolds.*



**ED & SWAN WEIKEL** - September 30, 2022 at 03:58 PM

KV

“ A donation has been made to Down Syndrome Innovations from The Kansas City Office of Restoration & Waterproofing Contractors, Inc.  
The Family is in our thoughts and prayers.

*Kansas City - Restoration & Waterproofing Contractors, Inc*

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**Kathy Vogan** - September 30, 2022 at 02:45 PM

MH

“ I love you Dad. Thank you for loving me and especially my boys. I'll see you again. ❤️

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**Malinda Hostetler** - September 30, 2022 at 02:23 PM

CH

“ When I recently saw on the news the plans to upgrade the campground at Lake Shawnee, I wondered whether Russ still had his RV so he could take advantage. Like everyone, we were so surprised to learn of his death, although most people would likely choose going peacefully in their sleep if they could. We hope that peace brings comfort to family and friends. We also hope that memories and stories bring smiles in the days and years ahead. We wish for grace and peace for Russ's family, especially his daughters, grandchildren and Doug.

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**Cindy and Brad Horchem** - September 29, 2022 at 10:49 PM

EM

“ Played sports with Russ at HPHS and have talked to him occasional over the last few years. Gentleman and nice guy. My sincere condolences Doug to you and your family.

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**Eddie Michael** - September 29, 2022 at 10:28 AM

LP

“ Russ was one of the best dads I've had the pleasure of knowing. He loved his girls fiercely and their friends almost as much. He always made me feel at home in his home. He gave us a place we could just be our goofy selves and he wholeheartedly embraced it. My heart breaks that the world lost of such a wonderful man. His legacy will live on through his daughters, grandchildren, family and everyone that was lucky enough to know him. Hugs to the entire family.

Lindsay Parker - September 29, 2022 at 10:08 AM

MH

Thanks Linds. ❤️

Malinda Hostetler - September 30, 2022 at 02:24 PM

BR

“ My brother Dennis and I grew up with Mike and Russell, along with Randy and Barry Currie, on the same block of Michigan Street. Russ is part of many of my childhood and high school memories. I will never forget the kindness he and Mike showed us by coming by the house the night of our dad's funeral. My deepest sympathies to Doug and all other family members.

Brett Robinson  
Kansas City, MO

Brett H Robinson - September 29, 2022 at 09:54 AM



Brett, we found his baby book and our Grandma listed you, “Denny,” Randy, Barry and of course, our Uncle Mike, as his “1st playmates.” 💜

Melissa Flesher - September 30, 2022 at 11:52 PM

BR

*Melissa, thank you for letting me know. Irene was one of the nicest ladies I ever knew.*  
*Brett Robinson*

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**Brett Robinson** - October 02, 2022 at 08:16 PM

WT

“ *Connie, Doug, other family & friends of Russ: My condolences to us all on his sudden passing. I have 70 years of good memories of Russ that I will carry around in my pockets. Selfishly, I will miss the conversations we had about life, loves, friends & family. It was certainly obvious that he dearly loved his children and grandchildren. I hope your memories will ease your pain. Peace to all-*

*Warren Hummer*  
*Grapevine, TX*

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**Warren Hummer; Grapevine, TX** - September 29, 2022 at 06:54 AM

CR

“ *A good and kind man...a wonderful, loving father who cherished his grandchildren with all of this heart. His passing has left a huge void in our children and grandchildren's lives. ❤️❤️❤️❤️*

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**Connie Reynolds** - September 28, 2022 at 07:19 PM

EW

“ *Russ was a dear friend all these years. He loved classic cars and came to my car shows even out of town. We used to see him at Washburn and KU games and had great conversations. He will be missed by me and my family, Respectfully Ed White*

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**Ed White** - September 28, 2022 at 02:08 PM

CB

“ So sorry for the loss of your Papa.

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**Carolyn L Bloom** - September 28, 2022 at 09:57 AM