



Steven Short

August 26, 1960 - April 5, 2021

Steven Michael Short, 60, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Monday, April 5, 2021, after an eight-month battle with cancer.

Steve was born August 26, 1960, in Topeka, to Mary Ann Schultz Short and Richard Short. He attended Holy Name Grade School and graduated from Hayden High School in 1978. On May 4, 1984, Steve and Janice Wessel were united in marriage enjoying over 36 years together.

Steve was a lineman for 40 years retiring from Evergy in 2021. He was an active member of IBEW Local 304, attending meetings, holding offices and volunteering. He was a dedicated volunteer: for the Boy Scouts, including many projects at Camp Jayhawk, for the Hayden PACE Auction, for Most Pure Heart of Mary Church and assisted with the charitable works of Evergy. Steve also worked with the electrical engineering department at K-State to erect a wind turbine in Manhattan in memory of his son, Lucas Christopher Short, who died in 2008.

Grateful to have shared Steve's life are his wife, Janice, of the home; daughter, Melissa Enright (Rich), Prairie Village; a grandson on the way; his father, Richard Short (Sally); siblings, Kevin Short (Sandy), Lori "Guss" Short, of Topeka; Lisa Zeller (Dan) and sister-in-law, Jacque Henne (Lowell) of Paxico; step-brother, Rick Vorhies (Lori), Olathe; as well as many nieces and

nephews.

Steve was also preceded in death by his brother, Jeff Short and his mother, Mary Ann Short.

The rosary will be prayed at 5 p.m. Thursday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, with visitation until 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at the Church. Inurnment will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Steve's Mass will be live streamed on the funeral home Facebook page.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Topeka Rescue Mission, Most Pure Heart of Mary Church or Midland Care Hospice, and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

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

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Rosary

APR 8. 5:00 PM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church
3601 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Visitation

APR 8. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church
3601 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church
3601 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Tribute Wall



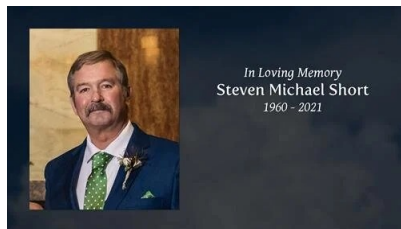
“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Steven Short



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 08, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Steven Short



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - April 08, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ Steven Short

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

FO

“ *Janice, there are no words to express my sympathy. We worked together at the State of Kansas when Luke passed away. You were there together to go through that loss. My thoughts are always with you around Mother's Day. Thoughts and prayers for you and Melissa.*

*Frances Oliva
Lenexa, KS*

Frances Oliva - April 19, 2021 at 02:35 PM

LS

“ *We are sorry to know this good man is gone so soon from the earth but know he is with you always in spirit and in love. Deepest sympathy from your cousins, Linda Strome and Chris Taber*

Linda Sue - April 17, 2021 at 08:13 PM

CF

“ *Janice,*

I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. My thoughts and prayers are sent to you and your family.

Carol & Jack

Carol Fickler - April 09, 2021 at 10:11 AM

TN

“ Janice,

I'm so very sorry to hear about your Husband. You are in my heart xoxo. Please let '77ers know if we can help out somehow. Prayers to you and the families.

Tara Merkel Nicholas

Tara Nicholas - April 09, 2021 at 09:02 AM

GH

“ Janice and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Steve was such a kind, compassionate man. Had the sweetest smile to go along with his bigger than life personality. If you needed anything you knew Steve was there. I know right now I have no words to take away your sadness and pain but know you have so many praying for your family at this difficult time. His reunion with Luke must have been absolutely miraculous. I know he will be with all of you and watching over you and I hope somehow you will be able to feel his presence. May God wrap his arms around all of you and give you peace

Gina (Leathers) Herman - April 08, 2021 at 07:41 PM

LH

“ To Steve's family and friends,
I'm truly sorry for your loss. I was lucky enough to meet Steve several years back when he came in to ProBuild to re-do his decking. To say he was a nice guy is an understatement.. just so kind. Hang to all the wonderful memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*God Speed,
Leslie Hallgren*

Leslie Hallgren - April 08, 2021 at 05:49 PM

CH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Steve at Westar Energy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Prayers,
Cheryl & Mike Herman*

Cheryl Herman - April 08, 2021 at 05:34 PM

DD

“ *Steve was one of the nicest and most humble of men I have ever met. Blessings and hugs to all the family. Heaven has a wonderful new angel.*

Donna Van Dyke

Donna Van Dyke - April 08, 2021 at 03:25 PM



Steve will always be remembered for the love, service, and Faith her shared with all of us. May he Rest In Peace.

Sharon Kenagy - April 09, 2021 at 09:25 AM

KS

“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers. I have so many great memories of Steve. He was always kind, generous and understanding. May your memories offer you peace during this very difficult time. Kendra Stuke-Smith*

KENDRA M Smith - April 08, 2021 at 10:50 AM

DL

“ God bless you all during this time of sorrow. Please know you are all in our thoughts. Steven was a wonderful man. My Dad George Ludwig and my Mom (Dixie, deceased) watched him grow up as family friends and George worked with Richard (Dick) and Steven at Westar. May your memories help you get through the tough days ahead.

D'Ann Ludwig-Ebert and George Ludwig

D'Ann Ebert & George Ludwig - April 08, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Steven Short.



April 08, 2021 at 08:12 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Steven Short.



April 08, 2021 at 08:07 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden* was purchased for the family of Steven Short.



April 07, 2021 at 11:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven Short.*



April 07, 2021 at 10:18 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Steven Short.*



April 07, 2021 at 09:29 PM



“ *Steve was my brother- in law when I knew him best. I always thought he was strong and a bit quiet. Certainly a person who would help and even give you the shirt off his back. Most of all he was quiet but very humble! One of the nicest I've ever met. Heaven got an angel!! Blessings and love to all the many who will hurt and be saddened missing him dearly. Love to you all!*



Donna Van Dyke - April 07, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ *Rest in peace Steve. Prayers for family that will miss a true gentleman.*

Roger Mcvay - April 07, 2021 at 07:00 PM

LM

“ Sending love and prayers for you Janice, Melissa and the Short family.

These words come to mind when I think about Steve.....humble, kind, hardworking, faithful, gentleman, thoughtful, compassionate, service oriented.

When we moved to Ashworth I was so happy to learn that we'd be neighbors. Lauren and Melissa sure burned up the sidewalk going between the two houses, and Luke was always willing to keep an eye on them. There are 2 memories I have that Steve and I were always able to laugh about.....the crushed pepper flakes incident and me running over Melissa's bike. He had to give me some safe driving tips after that one.

Hold on to the wonderful memories you have and know that you were truly blessed. to have him in your life. We lost a good one, but heaven gained one of the best.

Rest in peace Steve.

*Love,
Linda Swalwell Martin*

Linda Swalwell Martin - April 07, 2021 at 05:58 PM

MC

“ *Just glad to be hear." Those were the words Steve would say as we passed in the hallway daily at work. What a kind man. I know he will surely be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. God bless.*

Melanie Coffman

Melanie Coffman - April 07, 2021 at 04:39 PM

DB

“ *Didn't know Steve well but I thought he was a great guy. Janice, I like to think he's in a better place and without pain. I'm sorry Danny Brown*

Dan Brown - April 07, 2021 at 04:36 PM

JB

“ *I have always thought of memories as fragments, like colored glass shards in a kaleidoscope. It is the source of great beauty in our lives, yet the cause of such heartache.*” — *Lang Leav, Memories*

We are so lucky to have overlapped in time and space with such a wonderful and kind person! Steve will never be far from our thoughts and hearts!

Jess and Andy Box

Jessica Box - April 07, 2021 at 04:18 PM

LB

“ *Love, Jess & Andy Box purchased the With Distinction for the family of Steven Short.*



Love, Jess & Andy Box - April 07, 2021 at 04:09 PM

KF

“*Janice, I'm so sorry to learn that Steve has passed. We lost one of the "good guys" way too early. May he rest in peace and you and your family somehow find comfort and peace and this really difficult time. Heartleft thoughts and prayers for you all. Warmest aloha, hugs and love to you.*

Kathleen Funk-Linton class of '78

Kathleen Funk-Linton - April 07, 2021 at 03:40 PM

SM

“*Steve was a very nice, decent person. Until the pandemic, I had coffee with him almost every Saturday morning. He will be truly missed. My condolences to a family that he loved.*

Shawn Miller - April 07, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“*Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Steven Short.*



April 07, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“*My deepest sympathy to Steve's family and close friends. Such a great earthly loss of a kind and gentle soul. As many have mentioned, Steve was just one of those people that always had a warm spot in everyone's heart. Always kind, and always that Steve Short smile.*

Laura Will - April 07, 2021 at 12:16 PM

RG

“ *Janice and Family*

I was so saddened to hear about Steve's passing. Please know many people are lifting you up in prayer at this difficult time. Praying your sweet memories and God's grace will sustain you.

God Bless and hold you

Renee Gardner (Hayden Class of '79)

RENEE LYNN GARDNER - April 07, 2021 at 12:09 PM

ER

“ *Janice, Melissa and family, so sorry to hear about Steve, He had to be a great man by the respect Andrew and Hannah had for him and your family. Sending my sympathy and pray God will be with each of you during this time. Betty Reser*

Elizabeth M Reser - April 07, 2021 at 11:44 AM

AO

“ *Steve, Janice, Luke, and Melissa were our neighbors when they resided on Ashworth Place and they were the best neighbors Ernie and I have ever had. They were truly a wonderful family and always willing to help in any way they could. We were truly sorry for Luke's untimely accident/death and now we are truly heartbroken to learn of Steve's passing. He was a dedicated Scout leader to our son Daniel's troop @ MPHM and his passing is truly a loss. Steve touched so many, many lives. Melissa and Janice, we are keeping you close in our thoughts and prayers. Steve and Luke are in Heaven lending a helping hand just as they did here on Earth. Marlene O'Shea/Ernie and Daniel Shuford*

A. Marlene O'Shea - April 07, 2021 at 10:24 AM

SE

“ It was a pleasure taking care of Steve. He was such a nice man, even through the worst of times. Thinking of family, and his precious grandson coming soon.

SV Cancer Center staff

Sami Elsen - April 07, 2021 at 10:05 AM

GC

“ I am extremely saddened to hear of the death of Steve. I have known him for many years through our association with Hayden High School and the Boy Scouts. Steve and I attended numerous camping and other events with the Scouts, along with my son, Michael, and Steve's son, Luke. It was such a tragedy when Luke was injured. I remember the boys running cross country together at Hayden. Steve was always involved with helping Scouts earn their merit badges and rank advancements. He was truly a kind and considerate man and extremely liked by all who were fortunate enough to know him. My thoughts and prayers go out to Janice, Melissa and all the family. I know that he and Luke and now together again. May God comfort you at this most difficult time.

Gary Comstock

Gary Comstock - April 07, 2021 at 10:03 AM

RA

“ Janice and Missy - we are so very sorry about Steve. Never will there ever be a nicer guy. He will be missed greatly. Rest In Peace, Steve. All our love and prayers,

Randy & Shelle Arnold - April 07, 2021 at 09:54 AM

PE

“ *Janice and Melissa,
I am sorry to hear of the passing of Steve. As a high school
classmate, I remember him fondly as having such a kind and gentle
spirit. Rest In Peace, Steve.*

Patty Rupert Eckenberg - April 07, 2021 at 12:09 AM

RS

“ *Janice and Melissa,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I don't know that I've ever met a
nicer man. I hope your memories provide you comfort.
God Bless,*

Rick Strecker - April 06, 2021 at 09:07 PM

BR

“ *What a great obituary about a life well-lived, but that ended too
soon. Steve & I were classmates at Hayden, & competed for the
coveted Tallest Guy award! Rest in peace, Steve. You will be
missed.*

Bill Rogenmoser - April 06, 2021 at 08:40 PM