



Sylvester "Ves" Gockel

January 1, 1935 - June 29, 2007

Sylvester Henry Gockel, 72, Topeka, passed away Tues., June 26, 2007. Ves was born Jan. 14, 1935 in Axtell the son of Aloysious and Anna Sunnenburg Gockel. He grew up and attended schools in Baileyville. Ves joined the Army directly after high school and served at Fort Benning GA. On Jan. 24, 1970, he and Brenda Mize were married at Assumption Church, Topeka. Ves farmed, worked construction, owned his own barbershop and retired from the state of Kansas after 20 years service as a carpenter supervisor. He worked part-time at Price Chopper for five years. He was a member of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church and a wonderful "Papa" to his grandkids.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda, Topeka; children, Michelle Buessing and husband, Bruce, and their children, Abbey, Zach and Hannah, Baileyville; Tammy Ruddy and husband, Gary, and their children, Austin, Madeline, Logan and Tegan, Topeka; Matt Gockel and fiancé, Heaven Fitzgerald, and their daughter, Kylie, Topeka; and Jodi, Peters and husband, Ryan, and their daughter, Mackenzie, Topeka; a brother, Clarence Gockel, Stanberry MO; and sister, Patricia Arnold, Texarkana TX; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Todd Anthony, his parents and a sister, Betty Gockel. Family will greet friends from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614 where a rosary will be prayed at 7:30. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Sat. at Mater Dei Assumption Church. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Church Building Fund sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ Sylvester "Ves" Gockel

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Family of Ves,
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. I used to be a neighbor of yours. I am Gayle and Ann Cyr's daughter and Rick Cyr's sister. My deepest sympathy.
Sue (Cyr) Affolter, Clifton, Kansas

Sue (Cyr) Affolter - June 29, 2007 at 07:20 PM



“ BRENDA &FAMILY, YOU ALL HAVE OUR SYMPATHY AND OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL. VES WAS WELL LIKED BY EVERYONE AN WE REALLY ENJOYED WORKING AT ALL THE WRESTLING AN DANCES AS SECURITY . MAY HE REST IN PEACE. JACK &MARY PINEDA

JACK&MARY PINEDA - June 29, 2007 at 06:33 PM



“ Dear Brenda & Family,

Tracy just told me about Ves passing away. I am truly sorry for your loss. I'm sorry I can't be there, but know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kristie Klus

Kristie Klus - June 28, 2007 at 01:06 PM

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“ *Dear Brenda & family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Ves was a wonderful preson and he
will be missed. If there is anything Stacy & I can do please call.
Our prayers & thoughts are with you.
Love Stacy & Connie*

Stacy & Connie Colgrove - June 28, 2007 at 12:55 PM