



## Thomas Olson

January 17, 1944 - December 18, 2024

Thomas Eugene Olson, 80, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Wednesday, December 18, 2024, after a short illness.

Tom was born January 17, 1944. He attended Holy Name Catholic Grade School and graduated from Hayden High School in 1962. On August 17, 1963, Tom and Janice Hilderman were united in marriage celebrating 61 years together. They are members of Sacred Heart -St. Joseph Parish.

Tom spent 35 years working for Santa Fe Railroad, which later became BNSF, in the accounting department retiring as a manager. He was fortunate to retire early in his late fifties. Enjoying the freedom of retirement, he and Janice were able to enjoy life traveling, playing golf and spending time with family and friends. Tom's greatest joy came from coaching baseball and basketball, attending activities and events and cheering on sports teams for his children and grandchildren. He rarely missed their activities.

Grateful to have shared Tom's life are his wife, Janice; children, Julie Olson and Troy Olson (Georgia); grandchildren Ryan Biggs (Ashley) and Haley Elliott (who were the joy of his life); and many cousins. Tom was preceded by his mother, Roseamond Hefner Shinn.

Tom's family will greet friends from 2 until 3:30 p.m. Sunday, December 22, at

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS, 66614, followed by the rosary at 3:30 p.m. A Celebration of Life will take place with Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Monday, December 23, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Inurnment will be private at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart-St. Joseph Parish, sent in care of the funeral home.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
[info@kevinbrennanfamily.com](mailto:info@kevinbrennanfamily.com)

## Rosary

DEC **22**. 3:30 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
[info@kevinbrennanfamily.com](mailto:info@kevinbrennanfamily.com)

## Mass of Christian Burial

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DEC **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
227 SW Van Buren Street  
Topeka, KS 66603

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ I'm very saddened and sorry Ive just now learned that Tom had passed some months ago. I knew Tom for a very long time as he always helped out by coaching basketball or baseball and we even got in some golf as we grew older. He always treated me very well over the years and he was greatly appreciated for spending his time helping coach us young kids. We had way too many good & fun memories to mention them all here.  
Best thoughts & wishes to the family. Apologies for being so late finding out. (Janice, Julie, Troy)  
CAB

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**CAB** - March 07, 2025 at 05:18 PM

RT

“ Janice, Julie, and Troy, sorry to hear about Tom. I always enjoyed being around him - Tom had a great sense of humor, probably why my dad and Tom always got along so well. I will miss him. Our prayers are with you all. Richard and Janet Trull - Tonganoxie, Kansas.

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**Richard Trull** - December 31, 2024 at 09:58 AM

MW

“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was one of the good guys.  
With sympathy, Dennis and Marlene Haug Waetzig

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**Marlene Waetzig** - December 24, 2024 at 08:34 PM

VM

“ Janice, I'm so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I know Don thought a lot of him. My prayers are with you and your family.

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**Vonna McDaniel** - December 24, 2024 at 06:20 PM

EL

“ Janice, We were so sad to here Tom’s passing. We feel very blessed to have had several opportunities to spend time with you both at fun Santa Fe activities. It is our hope family and friends will keep you close in love and comfort. sincerely, Ed and Lavonne Leu

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**Edward Leu** - December 23, 2024 at 09:28 PM

JO

“ Janice and family,  
Thinking of you.  
Oldham family.

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**Jim Oldham** - December 22, 2024 at 03:04 PM

GD

“ Janice, I am shocked and saddened to hear of Tom’s passing. There are no words to make it easier. I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family. I will be in touch. 💜

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**Gaylene Dibbern** - December 21, 2024 at 08:21 PM

MB

“ Janice and family. I was so shocked to hear of the loss of Tommy! He showed up to my house just 2 weeks ago to give his condolences for Ric. We had a great conversation and I was sooo happy to see him. As you know, my heart goes out to you i n this very difficult time. I am proud to call him my 1st cousin and will miss him dearly. My prayers are with you all.  
Marta Barron

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**Marta Barron** - December 21, 2024 at 12:03 PM

DS

“ Tom was a good man. He was humble and I enjoyed his personality. May he rest in peace.

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**Dan Sanders** - December 20, 2024 at 10:54 PM

GW

“ Janice and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Simply put, Tom was a great guy! I worked with Tom at both Dibbles Iga and the ATSF. I'm also a Hayden of 1963. A better man, I've not known! RIP old friend!

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**GREG WARREN** - December 20, 2024 at 08:34 PM

SJ

“ Janice and family,  
My deepest condolences on the passing of Tom. I have wonderful memories of how he had us laughing at many SH social gatherings. Prayers of comfort.  
Suzanne Jordan

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**Suzanne Jordan** - December 20, 2024 at 02:58 PM

DE

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Wishing you peace during this difficult time.

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**David Edington** - December 20, 2024 at 10:20 AM

LB

“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. My late husband Larry Bond, thought so much of Tom. He was well respected and loved as a "boss" at the railroad.  
My sincere sympathy, Laura Bond

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**Laura Bond** - December 20, 2024 at 09:22 AM

RA

“ *Jan and family -- So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. You have my heartfelt sympathy. May God help you through this most difficult time.*

Ruth Appelhanz - December 20, 2024 at 08:56 AM

KE

“ *Janice, Julie, Troy and family, please accept my heartfelt condolences. I have so many wonderful memories of your family and your dad. Mostly having to do with the swimming pool he put in for you all - that my sister and I also got to enjoy. (Thank you!) And for some reason I remember him mowing. You all had so many trees then. He was so kind. Praying for you all.*

Kelly Eisenman - December 19, 2024 at 10:51 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Olson.*

December 19, 2024 at 10:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Olson.*



December 19, 2024 at 10:01 PM

SB

“ *Janice & Family,  
I'm so sorry to hear about Tom's passing. I worked with him at the  
RR. A hard worker and such a likable guy! My prayers go out for  
each one of you!*

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**Sally Brooke** - December 19, 2024 at 07:03 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the  
family of Thomas Olson.*



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December 19, 2024 at 06:58 PM

DS

“ *My condolences go out to All of Thomas family.He will greatly be  
missed. I will keep the family in my prayers.*

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**Dennis spain** - December 19, 2024 at 06:28 PM

LH

“ *Lisa H. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket  
for the family of Thomas Olson.*



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**Lisa H.** - December 19, 2024 at 04:26 PM

LH

“ *Lisa H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Olson.*

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**Lisa H.** - December 19, 2024 at 04:26 PM