



## William "Bill" Gaston

September 14, 1937 - April 9, 2026

William Joseph Gaston, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away peacefully on April 9, 2026. Bill was born September 14, 1937, in Morrill, Kansas, the third son of James E. and Mary C. Chenoweth Gaston.

Bill graduated from Morrill High School in 1956 and Wichita School of Barbering in 1957. He barbered in the First National Bank building shop prior to operating Country Club Barbers as an original merchant in White Lake Mall for 43 years. Bill was named Barber of The Year in 1977, served four years on the State Barber Board of Examiners of Kansas, and was a member of AMBBA for many years before his retirement in 2006. He very much treasured the many friendships he made with his clients over the years.

Bill's faith in God and his family were very important to him. He was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church and served as an usher for over 30 years, a Perpetual Adoration Guardian, a member of This Man Is You, and a worker for Let's Help. Bill was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed waterskiing, hunting, fishing, and gardening. Bill was also a loyal fan of KU basketball and Chiefs football.

Grateful to have shared Bill's life are his wife, Geraldine of 35 years. Other survivors are daughter, Sheri (Jay) Poore; stepdaughters, Paulette (Stacey) Schwerdt and Brenda (LA) Schwerdt; grandchildren, David (Kim) Gaston,

Hillary (Jeff) Lolley, Meredith (Mike) Harold, Kacie (Jayson) Briggs, Pamela (Ryan) King, and Katelynn (Willie) Madl; daughter-in-law, Trina Gaston; and eleven great grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his sons, Rodney on October 27, 2018, and Rick on December 20, 2010, grandson, Rodney William on March 3, 2019, and brothers, Gary and Bob Gaston.

Bill will be remembered as an amazing, loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Bill loved people and was the most thoughtful person you will ever meet.

Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. where rosary will be prayed at 10 a.m. and Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3601 SW 17th Street, Topeka KS 66604. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church or a charity of the donor's choice, in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd  
Topeka, KS 66606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 14. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Most Pure Heart of Mary Church  
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## Rosary

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

KB

“ So very sorry to read of Bill's passing He was my barber and a great friend for many many years and I will cherish the conversations and laughs we shared. Prayers to all the family.

Ken Burgen - April 15 at 01:49 PM

DM

“ The Millers  
So many memories which we will forever cherish. Square Dancing (the convention where Bill couldn't find his boots cause Randy was wearing them). Our yearly Table Rock vacations where we blew up our boat. The many game afternoons and dinners. Over 40 years of memories. We will miss our good friend so much.

Dianne Miller - April 11 at 01:44 PM

PK

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was my son's barber for many years. He was always so pleasant to be around. My sympathy to all of his family.  
Pat King

Pat King - April 11 at 11:37 AM

DL

“ Debbie,Bobbi,Mr. Lee,Dawn,Jacob,Taylor purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of William "Bill" Gaston.



Debbie,Bobbi,Mr. Lee,Dawn,Jacob,Taylor - April 10 at 10:18 AM

NO

“ Hillary and Katelynn - so sorry to hear about Bill's passing. He cut my hair for many years and cut my dad's hair for even longer. I sure have missed him cutting hair after he retired. It was nice to see him at Taco Al's from time to time and chat with him - I really enjoyed his quick wit. Nancy Ott

Nancy Ott - April 10 at 09:03 AM

JW

“ Bill was my late husband Veryl 's barber for many years as well as my son Jeff's from the time he was a little boy. He had such a warm and caring for his customers and we we proud to also be his friend. We were there up to the day he retired from the White Lakes shop. He leaves a wonderful legacy. Blessings to each of the family. Judy and son Jeff Whisler

judy Whisler - April 10 at 05:18 AM

CF

“ Bill was the best! He used to take me, Rick and Rod skiing and hunting in our youth. I had the privilege to talk to him many times over the years and enjoyed it every time. I will miss him!

Casey Ford - April 09 at 06:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Gaston.



April 09 at 05:20 PM