



William Wempe

August 1, 1941 - September 16, 2014

William (Bill) Thomas Wempe, 73, Topeka, passed away September 16, 2014, at St. Francis Hospital surrounded by his family and friends.

Bill was born in the city of Topeka to Dr. Gerard and Ruth Wempe on August 1, 1941. He grew up amongst his siblings and developed a great passion for sporting events and brotherhood. His greatest hobbies included the great sport of golf, Washburn sporting events, movies, and family gatherings. He became a proud graduate of Hayden High School in 1959. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity at Washburn University. He graduated from Washburn University and loved to attend the university's football games with his grandchildren. He did his best not to miss a game! One of Bills' proudest moments, as recalled by his son, was the time he achieved a hole-in-one. Bill always attended each of his grandchildren's sporting events. He was a proud and happy grandparent. Bill Wempe's career ranged from his service as a 1st LT in the United States Air Force to his position with the State of Kansas Insurance Department. Bill was a lifetime member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Parish and held a strong faith that extended to his family.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. We must remember that all things happen for a reason and that Bill is in a better place, where every putt brings a hole-in-one, where he joins hands with Christine once again, and where every brother who has passed can stand beside him.

Bill is survived by his three children, Lori (Warren) Stewart, Jill (Bill) Klemz, Billy (Suzy) Wempe; grandchildren, Kelsey Stewart, Jacob Klemz, Ryan Klemz, Makenzie Wempe; brothers, Jack (Shirley) Wempe, Joe (Debbie) Wempe, and Jim (Joan) Wempe. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 33 years, Christine, and his older brother Jerry Wempe.

Visitation will be 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1800 SW Stone Ave, Topeka KS 66604. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday at the Church. Memorial contributions may be sent to NE Kansas Parkinson Association, PO Box 251, Topeka KS 66601.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Wempe*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *We were neighbors in Foxcroft. So enjoyed him and Chris. We would meet at the pool and share a drink or two. My thoughts go out to the family, they have lost two great parents.*

Doris Weingartner - September 26, 2014 at 12:54 PM



“ *Billy, Lori, & Jill So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prays are with you.
From Patty Leary, Mary Bachmann, David Leary, Tina Leary, & Steven Leary. We lived down the road from you out in Harveyville. The kids lost there DAD Clint Leary in August.*

Patty M Leary - September 24, 2014 at 03:51 PM



“ *Dear Wempe Family, I am thinking of you all at this sad time. I enjoyed getting to know your parents while they lived at Quail Creek! Always enjoyed the cute stories about the kids and grand kids!! You are in my thoughts and prayers...*

Dee Barrow - September 22, 2014 at 12:34 PM

JS

“ Jack, Jim Joe and all family. Norma and I are very sad at the passing of Bill. I personally go back to the early years and grew up with BILL and knew the family including RUTH & Gerard. Bill and I shared over 30 years playing golf at Topeka Public Golf course every weekend and have many memories beyond. Bill is in the best place he can be and can live the memories that we all enjoyed by his friendship and love of life and family. Thanks Bill for being our friend.

Jim & Norma Schroeder

Jim & Norma Schroeder - September 20, 2014 at 07:22 PM

BH

“ My sympathy and condolences to all of the family.

Bob Hayes - September 20, 2014 at 08:58 AM

JW

“ Lori, Bill, Jill, & rest of family- my heart is there with you. Uncle Bill was always kind to me, & I will always remember. I can't help but think about how happy my dad is to be with him again. Sending prayers & love your way.

Julie Wempe-Nava - September 19, 2014 at 04:49 PM

LC

“ I am so saddened to hear of Bill's passing. I hadn't seen him in quite awhile but always remember his smile & laugh. Bill & Chris & Kurt & I had a lot of fun times back in the "old" days. My sympathy to all of the family.

Lynda Carlson - September 19, 2014 at 12:14 PM

SJ

“ *The men & women of the Office of the Shawnee County Sheriff extend our deepest sympathy and condolences. Our thoughts & prayers go out to the entire Wempe family during this most difficult time.*

Sheriff Herman T. Jones - September 19, 2014 at 12:00 PM

JS

“ *Bill was a great supervisor to me at the KID. I learned a lot in a short period of time there with him. He was always cordial when we met after I left KID and I often saw him in his retirement at Hayden or WU sporting events. Our prayers are with the family and we share your loss.*

John & Lori Spain - September 19, 2014 at 10:25 AM

CG

“ *Jack, Shirley and family,*

So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Cindy and Mike Gibbs - September 19, 2014 at 09:16 AM

MM

“ *Please know our thoughts and prayers are with all at this time.*

Mark & Kim McCoy - September 19, 2014 at 08:13 AM