



Brian Joseph Windholz

January 2, 1944 - October 2, 2024

Brian Joseph Windholz (80), the son of Isidore and Pauline (Erbert) Windholz, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 in Valley, Nebraska after several years of bravely facing progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP), a late-onset neurodegenerative disease.

He was born on January 2, 1944 in Hays, Kansas and married Shirley Schmidt on November 27, 1969. He graduated from St. Joseph's Military Academy in 1962 and earned a bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State College where he was the editor of the State College Leader newspaper. An Army Reserve veteran, Brian served in the 388th Medical Depot, Hays, from 1965 to 1971. He played saxophone and clarinet in the Ted Smith Orchestra and the Eddie Frank Band, and enjoyed golf, travel, playing cards, visiting casinos, cheering for the Boston Red Sox and Green Bay Packers, and deploying his dry and mildly subversive sense of humor when you least expected it.

Brian was Associate Administrator and Accountant at St. Thomas Hospital in Colby, Kansas, and was Administrator of Thomas County Hospital, assisting in the move to Citizens Medical Center until 1985. He also worked at Russell Regional Hospital, Clara Barton Hospital, and as Treasurer for the City of Russell, Kansas before happily retiring in 2003.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley of Elkhorn, Nebraska, children, Jennifer (Barry) Weiner of Chanhassen, Minnesota, Chad (Teri Madsen) Windholz of Papillion, Nebraska, and Kim (Jared) Spletstoser of Collegeville, Pennsylvania, brothers, Oren M. (Patricia) Windholz and Guy (Kathy) Windholz, sisters-in-law, Betty Augustine and Gerri (Don) Johnson, adored grandchildren, David, Cameron, Justin and Alex Weiner; Rian Boub, Gavyn and Tyler Windholz; Ben and Kate Spletstoser, and many nieces and nephews, including godson, Jason Windholz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Glen J. Windholz, mother-in-law, Katherine Schmidt, brother-in-law, Lavern Augustine, and the cherished dogs he never wanted, Candy, Scout, and KoKo.

Visitation will be from 5:00 to 8:00 with rosary and vigil service beginning at 6:30 on Friday, October 11, and from 9:00 to 9:45 on Saturday, October 12 at Hays Memorial Chapel in Hays, Kansas. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 on October 12 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, followed by inurnment with military honors at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery. Brian was always impeccably dressed and loved a colorful necktie. If you are attending either service, feel free to wear a pop of color in his honor!

Brian's family would be grateful for memorials to Cure PSP - www.psp.org or contributions in care of the family for appreciation of the wonderful staff at Arbor Care Center. Condolences and memories of Brian may be shared at www.haysmemorial.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hays Memorial Chapel
1906 Pine Street
Hays, KS 67601

Vigil service

OCT 11. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Visitation

OCT 12. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

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Mass of the Christian Burial

OCT 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
215 West 13th Street
Hays, KS 67601

Burial

OCT 12.

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery
Hays, KS

Tribute Wall

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“ *Hillebrandt Family and Thompson Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Brian Joseph Windholz.*



Hillebrandt Family and Thompson Family - October 09, 2024
at 10:11 AM