



Kenneth S. Crawford

November 27, 1944 - May 3, 2026

Kenneth S. Crawford, 81, of Neodesha, KS., passed away on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at the Wilson County Hospital. Kenneth was born on November 27, 1944, in Wichita, KS., the son of Lester E. and Evelyn (Chapman) Crawford.

Kenneth grew up in Neodesha and graduated from Neodesha High School; Kenneth joined the National Guard serving until he received his honorable discharge. On August 27, 1965, Kenneth married Joyce A. Wilson, that began a 59-year legacy of love and family, Joyce passed away on January 14, 2025. They lived a short time in LaCross, KS where Kenneth worked for the city as a city manager before returning back to their hometown in Neodesha.

Kenneth worked as a truck driver, making sure he was home on weekends. A stern father for the times, but Kenneth made sure he made the most of their time together by going camping or taking trips to the lake on weekends, or planning vacations with his family, he loved his family deeply and instilled the importance of family and faith. As a member of the Grace Baptist Church, Kenneth enjoyed all of the members and their families, and will be deeply missed by those who knew him and loved him.

Kenneth is survived by:

Children:

Jody Davis and husband Sam of Neodesha, KS

Terri Ruiz and husband Craig of Edmond, OK

Lisa King of Oologah, OK

Jerry Crawford and Dana of Neodesha, KS

Nine Grandchildren: Kristian Toms, Dalton Parks, Mialey Ruiz, Malia Curnutt, Adriana Hill, Conner King, Jacob Crawford Lillian Crawford and Alex Crawford.

Fourteen Great Grandchildren and One Great-Great Grandchild

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, wife Joyce, and infant brother Jerry, a granddaughter Danielle and a great granddaughter Chloe.

Cremation has been requested with a memorial service to be held on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 11:00 am at the Grace Baptist Church in Neodesha. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to service time, with inurnment to follow after the service at the Neodesha Cemetery. Memorials have been suggested to the Grace Baptist Church in his memory and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

Cemetery Details

Neodesha Cemetery, Neodesha, KS

1900 12th St
Neodesha, KS 66757
(620) 325-2481

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church
1317 N. 7th
Neodesha, KS 66757

Memorial Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Wade Thurston purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Kenneth S.
Crawford.*



Wade Thurston - May 08 at 11:52 AM

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“ *Wade Thurston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth S.
Crawford.*

Wade Thurston - May 08 at 11:52 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the
family of Kenneth S. Crawford.*



May 07 at 02:49 PM

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“ *Family of Kenneth,*

*So very sorry for the passing of your father/grandfather/great
grandfather.*

Peggy Murrell and family

Peggy Murrell - May 06 at 10:31 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth S. Crawford.* ”



May 05 at 07:44 PM