



## Billy "Bill" Donald Todd

May 29, 1930 - May 4, 2025

Billy "Bill" Donald Todd, 94, of Leawood, Kansas, passed away peacefully on May 4, 2025. He was born on May 29, 1930, in Kansas City, Kansas, the son of the late George Todd Sr. and Mary (McCushom) Todd.

Bill was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Sue Todd. His significant other, Barbara Newberry, along with his sisters, Kathleen Jewell, Georgia Burris; and his parents.

Bill was retired from the Kansas City Kansas school district serving various positions at Rosedale junior/senior high school, the first principal at JC Harmon high school and later at Washington high school. He was also a past president of the National Association of Secondary School Principles. After retirement he moved to the Lake of the Ozarks with his wife spending time golfing and traveling.

He is survived by his devoted son, Brian (Terri) Todd; cherished grandchildren, Allison (David) and Jordan (Ally); adored great-grandchildren, Hudson, Beckett, Kenton, Henry, and Miller; his brother, George Todd Jr., Barbara Newberry's family; and his loving significant other, Shirley Schmidt, along with her family.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2025, at

Maple Hill Funeral Home, with a funeral service to follow at 1:00 p.m. Burial will take place at Chapel Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Luke's Hospice House or The American Cancer Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

701 N 94th St  
Kansas City, KS 66112  
(913) 334-3366

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
3300 Shawnee Dr  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 831-3345  
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com  
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

MAY 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside Service

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# Tribute Wall

PD

“ Mr. Todd welcomed all of us Argentine folks at Harmon and eased the transition of both Rosedale and Argentine together. No other principal could have done this the way he did. I will forever remember him fondly as well as George who I still see from time to time and Georgia Burris, Bill's older sister. She used to weigh my babies at the market on her vegetable scale. Such a good family. My condolences to Brian and Terry and there children and grandchildren. Much love to you all, Peggy DeSeure

Peggy A DeSeure - June 13, 2025 at 03:23 PM

BK

“ If I could write all the superlatives I could come up with about Bill this site would implode. Brian if your Dad was as good a dad as he was a friend to me you are the luckiest person in the world. God love him !

Bob Klein - May 09, 2025 at 07:54 PM

OS

“ It was of great sadness that I learned of Bill Todds passing. Deepest condolences to his family. Bill was an up the street neighbor and my preteen RHS football hero. We reconnected after he retired and stayed in touch several times a year. A wek before the Demo of the football stadium we attended an All-School reunion there. as we were exiting Bill and I stood on the cinder track and recalled all the great RHS football played we enjoyed watching on that soon to be demoed field. Names like Ed Mintnot Wayne Poe Johnny Walker Bill Hawkey Bob Estes Bill Todd himself The Drake Brothers Dave Watkins Jerry Keltner,,to name a few. Bill gave so much f himself for the good of others, God Bless you Bill, I am glad you were in my life. Otto Scholl (RHS56)

Otto Scholl - May 08, 2025 at 09:16 PM

CN

“ Bill met my Mom (Barbara Newberry) at Lake of the Ozarks where they spend 25 years together. Bill was a great human being and a complete gentleman and was a tremendous addition to our family up to my mothers passing. We continued to keep in touch with Bill weekly over the years and my kids always considered him to be the grandpa Bill. Our family has been blessed just by having Bill be a part of it. He will be missed. Our deepest condolences to Brian, Terry and the remaining Todd family!!!

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**chuck Newberry** - May 08, 2025 at 06:39 PM

RT

“ When I moved to Kansas City in 1970, Bill Todd was one of the first people to welcome me to Rosedale Jr/Sr. He and his staff successfully lead us through the challenging 70's. Being a principal wasn't just a job for Mr. Todd. I always felt he really cared for his students and I felt a sense of pride when he was selected as the first principal of J. C. Harmon. His personality and administrative skills have been appreciated by many.

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**Ron Talley** - May 08, 2025 at 05:16 PM

CQ

“ I will remember him as being the nicest principal I had at both Rosedale and Harmon. He always had a smile on his face. May he rest in peace. 🙏🙏🙏

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**cecilia quirarte-ortiz** - May 07, 2025 at 10:29 PM

KT

“ Brian, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family your dad was a wonderful person and will be missed. keith and Paula Threadgill

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**Keith Threadgill** - May 07, 2025 at 07:52 PM

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“ Brian, My deepest wishes of peace and love in your heart ... your "Dad" was the best and to a great degree, treated many of us as if we were his child. When life was a challenge, he always stepped in and somehow made a positive impact to so many of us. Mr. Todd helped to make me a better person. Tom O

Tom Overton - May 07, 2025 at 05:14 PM

KS

Frank, I am so sorry for the loss of such a positive force for good in your life and the lives of others. I will not be able to attend as I have a CAT scan scheduled at the same time. God bless you and also Bill's family.

Kathy Sutton - May 09, 2025 at 02:39 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Billy "Bill" Donald Todd.



May 07, 2025 at 11:52 AM

CC

“ What can possibly be said about a man that dedicated his life entirely to others? A man whose sole purpose was to prepare the next generation of citizens for the challenges ahead. Beyond his tenure as Principal at Rosedale, and J.C. Harmon, and Washington, he always showed up. Whether at a small gathering at Tanners, a parade to celebrate a community or a blowout gala for the 40th reunion for the Class of 1977. He never faltered in his dedication to us, the kids who he led into adulthood. Consistently our leader, always our mentor, and forever our friend.

Charly Young with Sandy Coleman - May 06, 2025 at 09:37 PM

JW

“ I was sorry to read of Bill's passing. I was Bill's secretary at Rosedale Jr./Sr. High School and Harmon. He was an educator, my counselor and mentor, but most of all he was my friend. I look back on those days and all of the co-workers we had as the best time in my life. He was the first person I talked with about a position at the school district's central office. I retired from the district after 31 years. He used to joke with me and tell me that one day, I would be as old as he was. Well, Bill, I'm almost there! 2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" God's speed! Love, JKW!

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**Judy Ward** - May 06, 2025 at 08:46 PM

RI

“ RIP Mr. Todd. You were a wonderful school principal and great human.



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**Roberta Ingraham** - May 06, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy "Bill" Donald Todd.



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May 05, 2025 at 05:48 PM