

Atchison, KS



Paul Norman Komarek, 76, of Atchison, KS, passed away Wednesday, December 06, 2023, at Amberwell Atchison, KS.

Memorial service will be at 11:30 AM, Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home with Rev. Brad Greene officiating. Family will receive friends from 10:30 to 11:30 AM prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to The Paul Komarek Scholarship Fund and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Words of comfort for the family may be left at [www.beckerdyer.com](http://www.beckerdyer.com).

Paul was born March 13, 1947, Sterling, KS, the son of Norman and Viola (McCready) Komarek. After attending Ellinwood High School he earned a basketball scholarship to The College of Emporia where he also earned a Bachelor of Science degree. Paul was a teacher for thirty-three years, the majority at USD 409 fifth grade through middle school and coached basketball and football. He helped with harvest in the summers at his brothers-in-law farm in Pratt. After retiring, Paul worked at Wal-Mart, as a greeter, lawn and garden, and enjoyed being Santa. He would also help deliver Christmas gifts with the Atchison Police Dept. He was a member of the United Church of Christ in Ellinwood, KS, VFW, and the Elk-. Paul announced the St. Patrick- Day parade for the past seventeen years, along with the Chamber Christmas Parade. Paul enjoyed his dogs, gardening, working outside, trivia games, fishing and hunting in his younger years, DJ'ing anniversaries and birthday parties, dancing. He was a fan of the Kansas City Chiefs and K-State. Paul had a great sense of humor and loved to pull shenanigans.

Paul married Annette McCarty on July 6, 1969; they shared fifty-fours of marriages. Annette survives of the home. Survivors include sisters-in-law, Mary Komarek, Topeka, KS, Connie Humble, Sawyer, KS, five nieces and nephews, Katie Wallace, Shelly Humble, Scott Humble, Stacey Stull, Shawna Humble. He was preceded by his parents.