



## Byron Westerman

November 5, 1940 - August 29, 2023

Byron Kent Westerman was born to Oscar and Leta Westerman November 5, 1940 in Great Bend Kansas. He passed from this life on August 29, 2023 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 82.

Byron grew up in Hays, Kansas. He began piano at the age of 4 and was playing piano concertos with the Symphony Orchestra at 12. At age 15, he was the winner of 4 year music contest and won a Mason Hamblin Grand. Piano. At 17, he joined the Navy and played trumpet on the Admiral's ship in Europe for 3 ½ years.

After the Navy, he attended Ft. Hays State College where he met his first wife Mary Yost. They married and had one son, Brad Westerman. He worked in the Hays Post Office and played trumpet and piano with many bands starting at age 14. Later on, he had his own band which was very popular, B Wes Dance Band.

Byron became postmaster in Wakeeney, Kansas and a few years later, Postmaster of Salina, Kansas. He married Barbara Werth in 1987.

After Byron retired from his Postmaster position (at age 52), he signed on with Royal Caribbean Cruise Line to play trumpet. His career then led him to Branson, MO to play 1st trumpet with the Glenn Miller Orchestra for the Bobby Vinton show. In Branson, he also performed on the Branson Belle and played with the Rack Pack and Lawrence Welk. Byron, and his wife, Barbara

performed for years as the B&B Duo, a very successful Ballroom Dance Band. In addition, Byron was the organist at St. Mark's Episcopal Church and pianist for the Tri-Lakes Singers.

As Byron's health condition worsened, he and his wife moved to Tulsa, OK. He passed quietly surrounded by his loving family.

Byron is survived by his wife, Barbara Westerman; his son, Brad Westerman; his sister, Jan Parks; and his brothers Randy and Reg Westerman as well as extended family and friends who love him dearly.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, October 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Parish of Saint Bernard's Catholic Church 4001 E 101st Street in Tulsa with Military Honors provided by the United States Navy.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 6. 11:00 AM.

Parish of Saint Bernard's Catholic Church