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Wendel J. Strong
Died May 4, 2014

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He was born  
Sept. 19, 1943  
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Wendel waged a long &
courageous battle with cancer
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He worked most of his career in  
Management & Accounting as well as  
owner of Janitorial Supplies &  
Specialty Breads.  
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He enjoyed singing in choir, wood
working, golf, fishing, food prep,
creating solutions to enhance livability
of our homes, travel & family time.
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Private Burial with  
Memorial Service:  
May 7, 2014 at College Church of  
the Nazarene in Olathe KS.  
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Survivors,
Sons; Mike of Loveland OH,
Matt of Olathe KS &
Dgtr.; Jamie Johnson, Victoria MN
9 Grandchildren &
Brother; Jerry Strong, Blue Springs MO
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Wendel was preceded in death  
by his parents

Condolences may be sent to:

**Norma Strong & Family**  
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'61 Class has sent a memorial to the:  
HHS Class of 1961 Memorial Scholarship  
Others wishing to contribute may send memorials:  
% Hutchinson Community Foundation, 1 N. Main, Hutchinson Ks. 67501



**Wendel J. Strong**  
9-19-1943 ~ 5-4-2014

**LENEXA – Wendel J. Strong, 70, of Lenexa, Kan., passed away on May 4, 2014, following a long and courageous battle with cancer.**

**A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kan., where the family will receive friends immediately after the service. A private burial is planned at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Overland Park, Kan. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the renovation of the sanctuary Steinway at CCN, 2020 East Sheridan, Olathe, KS 66062.**

**Wendel was born Sept. 19, 1943, in Springdale, Ohio, to Wright and Orena Strong. His childhood was spent in southwestern Ohio, until the family relocated to Hutchinson, Kan., in 1960. Wendel graduated from Hutchinson High School with the class of 1961, and attended HCC while working for Dillon's Bakery.**

**On June 7, 1963, Wendel was united in marriage to Norma Gibbs at First Church of the Nazarene in Hutchinson.**

**During his employment with Dillon's, Wendel and Norma moved to Lawrence, Kan., for a brief time, returning to Hutchinson in 1967, where they remained for the next 20 years while raising their family. Wendel's employment with Dillon's continued until 1972, when he accepted a management position with Dorskocil Sausage Company in South Hutchinson. Wendel remained with Dorskocil's for the next 14 years, where he was active in the growth of the organization, serving as president as Dorskocil's transitioned from a small private meat plant to a publicly-owned company.**

**In Jan. of 1988, Wendel and Norma relocated to Scottsdale, Ariz., where he was owner of Apex Janitorial supplies in Mesa, Ariz. In 1996, Wendel returned to the meat industry, accepting a position as national accounts sales manager for a division of Hormel Foods Corporation. He retired from that position in 2006. Restless in retirement, the always industrious Wendel, together with Norma, daughter Jami, and son-in-law Luke Johnson embarked upon a brand new venture: launching a family business. Wendel's Specialty Breads was started in 2010, utilizing Wendel's own bread formulas to build an opportunity for us to work together to build a lasting family enterprise.**

**Wendel was a member of College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kan., where he enjoyed singing in the choir for as long as he was able. Wendel enjoyed wood-working, often designing and creating timeless pieces for his family. He loved food preparation, golf, fishing, planning family vacations, and he had a special knack for creating innovative solutions to enhance the livability of our homes. Custom closet designs, along with kitchen/pantry and garage organization, were some of his specialties. He and Norma were both happiest while hosting, traveling with, or visiting their children and grandchildren.**

**Wendel's most significant legacy, however, is the consistent example he set before his family of an unshakable faith in God's love and provision, together with a stalwart commitment to hard work, and a deep and abiding love for his family.**

**Wendel is survived by his wife, Norma; children, Jami and her husband Luke Johnson of Victoria, Minn.; son, Mike and his wife Rebecca of Loveland, Ohio; son, Matt and his wife Tracey of Olathe, Kan.; grandchildren, Alison Brummett, Bennett Johnson, Kate Johnson, Jacob Strong, Emily Strong, Hannah Strong, Amanda Strong, Blake Strong and Tyler Strong; and brother, Jerry Strong of Blue Springs, Mo.**

**Online obituary: [http://www.hutchnews.com/obituaries/wendel-j-strong/article\\_f1fee711-0672-5e31-a7b2-3ef5d8b52786.html](http://www.hutchnews.com/obituaries/wendel-j-strong/article_f1fee711-0672-5e31-a7b2-3ef5d8b52786.html)**

**Personal Condolences, cards, calls & emails:**

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