



## Mr. Myron E. Kimber Jr.

December 30, 1935 - February 4, 2026

Myron Elico Kimber Jr., age 90, transitioned peacefully in his home, on February 4, 2026, surrounded by loved ones, leaving behind a legacy defined by hard work, laughter, devotion, and quiet strength. Born on December 30, 1935, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Myron E. Kimber Sr. and Hazel (Meekins) Kimber, Myron was the baby boy of the family, a role he carried with warmth, humor, and an enduring sense of responsibility to those he loved.

Myron spent his early years in Kansas City, where the foundation of his character was laid. As a young boy, he treasured time spent visiting his grandmother, Mary Meekins, in Independence, Kansas, and traveling to South Haven, Michigan, with his Aunt Estella, where long summer days were filled with blueberry picking, laughter, and lessons about family, work, and togetherness. These moments helped shape a man who would always value connection, tradition, and the dignity of honest labor.

Ambitious and motivated from an early age, Myron began working at just 12 years old, setting pins at a bowling alley, already demonstrating the work ethic that would define his life. He graduated from Lincoln High School at the age of 17 and soon after moved to Chicago with his Uncle R.T., where he secured a job at the Post Office. After a year in Chicago, Myron returned home and transferred to the Kansas City Post Office, where he worked faithfully for ten years.

During this time, Myron married his first wife, Delphia Kimber, and together they welcomed four children. Family was always at the center of Myron's world, and he carried the role of father with pride and purpose.

Never one to limit himself, Myron went on to master the skilled trades, becoming a respected iron worker. Among his proudest accomplishments was helping to build the original scoreboard at Royals Stadium, a lasting mark on the city he loved.

Throughout his entire working life, Myron carried an entrepreneurial spirit alongside his full-time employment. While maintaining demanding careers—whether at the Post Office, in iron work, or later with the ATA as a KC Metro bus driver—he simultaneously pursued business ownership with discipline and vision. He owned and operated two laundromats, two liquor stores, and an apartment building on 10th Street, proving that ambition and responsibility could coexist. These ventures were not side notes to his life, but reflections of his drive to build, provide, and create generational stability while never abandoning the dignity of honest work.

Myron later married the love of his life, his beloved “Yady,” Stella Marie Kimber. Their union of 60 years was a testament to commitment, partnership, and joy. Together, they welcomed four more children and raised their family in Kansas City, Missouri. All four children attended Lutheran High School and went on to excel in their respective careers and fields, an honest reflection of the values Myron and Stella instilled—discipline, integrity, faith, and perseverance.

In 1974, Myron and Stella purchased their family home on Flora Avenue in Midtown Kansas City, just off the historic Troost Divide. With his own hands, Myron rehabilitated the entire house, transforming it into a place of warmth, pride, and belonging that hosted family weddings, reunions, and birthed

multiple thriving businesses. That home remains in the Kimber family today as a living symbol of his dedication and vision.

Myron and Stella shared many joyful adventures together, especially their cherished trips to Las Vegas, where laughter flowed as freely as the memories they created. Just as Myron's entrepreneurial spirit fueled his own ambitions, it quietly inspired those around him—most notably his wife. Encouraged by his work ethic, belief, and unwavering support, Stella opened and operated a licensed home daycare for over 30 years, one that lived and thrived within the very home Myron had rehabilitated with his own hands. In this way, his labor, love, and vision became the foundation for a space that nurtured countless children and families, extending his influence far beyond his own endeavors and into the lives of generations.

Myron was known far and wide as a natural-born comedian—witty, wise, and effortlessly funny. His humor could light up a room, his stories lingered, and his wisdom carried weight without ever needing to be loud. He loved music, enjoyed pop culture, cherished his dog, and embraced life with a balance of joy and depth that drew people to him.

Above all, Myron was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend—a man whose generosity, resilience, and love left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Stella M. Kimber; his children Myron E. Kimber III (Delphia), Sharon K. Kimber (Delphia), Tanya Kimber (Delphia), Tusha D. Kimber (Delphia), Sgt. Brian F. Kimber (Melinda), Carmen K. Jones, Mia R. Torian (Anthony), and Dacia M. Kimber (Brendon); his grandchildren Courtney Booth, Lorenzo Kimber, Jordan Torian, Julian Torian, Kimber Jones, Darius Kimber, Michea Taylor, Jada Torian, Christopher Jones,

Brendon E. Wrigley, Quinn Kimber, Derrick Windham, and Jazzmin Price; his siblings Dr. Carmelita K. Williams and Almeta Beveridge; along with a host of great-grandchildren who will carry forward his legacy of virtue, laughter, and love. He is also survived by Alfred Van Torian and Brandon Wrigley.

Myron was preceded in death by his parents, Myron E. Kimber Sr. and Hazel Kimber, his first wife, Delphia Kimber, and Robert A. Jones.

The family respectfully requests that donations, flowers, cards, and gifts be sent to

3204 Flora Avenue  
Kansas City, Missouri 64109.

Though Myron has taken his rest, his laughter echoes, his work stands tall, and his love lives on—woven into the lives of all who were blessed to walk beside him.

A service celebrating the life of Myron Elico Kimber Jr. will be held on February 14, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Family and friends are invited to gather from 10:00am – 11:00 a.m. at the Church to share memories and honor a life that touched so many hearts.

# Previous Events

## Family and Friends Hour

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
4205 Tracy Avenue  
Kansas City, , MO 64110

## Celebration of Life

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