

RESOLUTION FOR RICK BREHM

Rick Brehm was a Kansas City Fashion Icon and Haberdasher who passed away in May 2026.

Rick Brehm was a prominent Kansas City businessman and fashion figure, best known for his long career in menswear retail and his role in shaping the city's pre-athleisure style scene.

Brehm's professional journey began with the Polo Ralph Lauren store on the Country Club Plaza, which he operated from 1982 to 2004.

In 2004, he opened Hudson & Jane in the Crestwood Shops with his wife, Flo Ann Brehm. The boutique specialized in European menswear and became more than just a clothing store — it was described as a “clubby” social hub where customers often brought wine to share.

Born in western Kansas to educators, Brehm grew up in Hays and Dodge City. His father, Chuck Brehm, was a basketball coach who won the 1964 national junior college championship and later became head coach at Fort Hays State.

Despite his prairie roots, Brehm developed the sensibility of a European clothier, blending traditional tailoring with a personal touch.

Brehm was passionate about polo, sailing, and fine wines. He was known for his tall stature, booming laugh, and ability to connect with customers on a personal level.

Many longtime clients, including lawyers and executives, trusted his taste and enjoyed the relaxed, welcoming atmosphere of Hudson & Jane.

Brehm was one of Kansas City's last true “haberdashers” — a term for a master tailor or dressmaker — whose influence helped preserve a more formal, European-inspired style before it was overtaken by athleisure.

In short, Rick Brehm was both a respected businessman and a cultural figure in Kansas City, remembered for his craftsmanship, personal warmth, and role in sustaining a distinctive style era.