



## Herbert Eugene Washburn

January 8, 1925 - February 27, 2019

Herbert Eugene Washburn, 94, of Chanute, KS passed away on February 27, 2019. Born on January 8, 1925 near Chanute, he was one of eight children born to George Washburn, Sr. and Fannie Decamp Washburn. Herbert married Donna Dewey on June 23, 1946 at the First Christian Church in Chanute, KS. The couple had two boys, Wayne and Dale. She preceded him in death after 53 years of marriage on October 24, 1989. After her death, his longtime friend and companion, Ruth Martin, passed away on September 2, 2006 and Cleo Uden passed away on September 20, 2010.

Herbert married Golda Mae Alford-Taylor-Richter on October 19, 2013 in the Washburn home. She survives at their home.

After graduating from Chanute High School in 1943, Herbert immediately enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 18. He served in World War II in England, France, and Germany. As part of his two-year enlistment, he served 18 months in the 442nd Troop Carrier Group Army 9th Air Force and received the distinguished Unit Emblem with 3 Oak Leaf Cluster for their part in the D-Day invasion of Southern France, The Battle of the Bulge, and the Crossing of the Rhine River. Herbert re-enlisted and served from 1950-1952 in the 835th Engineer Aviation Battalion during the Korean War.

Herbert worked and retired from the Bell Telephone Company after 40 years,

most of which was spent in Chanute, KS. Before retiring, Herb started an apple orchard and later started a Christmas tree operation east of Chanute. He enjoyed his work, loved to fish, spent many hours helping the American Legion, and proudly served his community in many capacities. He enjoyed lifetime memberships as part of the Valley of Ft. Scott Scottish Rite, VFW Post 1654 of Chanute, and Elks #806. He was an active life member of the American Legion Post #170, serving as Post Commander twice from 1968-1969 and 1988-1989 and was a member of the Honor Guard for many years. Herb and Jim Woods were the organizers of the Chanute Youth Baseball in 1953. Herb was the manager of the successful American Legion Baseball team for 6 years and he also helped the young men find summer jobs. Herbert was also a member of Shrine Club of Chanute, Mirza Shriners of Pittsburg, KS, Cedar Lodge #103, and the First Christian Church in Chanute where he enjoyed volunteering for the food pantry for many years.

Survivors include:

Wife:

Golda Mae Washburn of the home

Sons:

Wayne Washburn and wife Nancy

Dale Washburn and wife Gayle

Stepchildren:

Larry J. Taylor and wife Karen of Garden City, KS

Kathryn E. Taylor of Chanute, KS

Rick Taylor Chanute, KS

Grandchildren:

Matthew Washburn and wife Jennie

Mitchell Washburn and significant other Sarah Cisneros

Summer Washburn

Elisa Washburn

Step-Grandchild:

Chris A Taylor and wife Felicia

Great Grandchildren:

Chandler Schmutz

Asher Schmutz

William Jonathan Washburn

Step Great-Grandchildren:

Tripp Taylor

Drey Taylor

Siblings:

Margaret Wilson and husband Eugene of Burlington, WA

Sister-in-Law:

Jane Washburn of Albuquerque, NM

Numerous Nieces and Nephews

Herbert was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, George, Jr., Charles, Donald "Sparky" and Sam; and sisters, Grace Jordan and Vera Harner.

Herbert's body was donated to the University of Kansas Medical Center. A memorial service will take place at First Christian Church in Chanute, KS on Friday, March 8, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. The family will hold a celebration of life service at American Legion Post #170 in Chanute, KS starting at 7:30 p.m. The Chanute Honor Guard and the American Legion Riders will be in charge of military honors. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). The family suggests memorials to be made to the First Christian Church or American Legion Post #170 and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home Arrangements have been entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Christian Church of Chanute  
102 N. Grant  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-3758

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Luanna Sparks lit a candle in memory of Herbert Eugene Washburn*



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**Luanna Sparks** - March 09, 2019 at 03:13 PM

MZ

“ *Max Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Herbert Eugene Washburn*



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**Max Zimmerman** - March 08, 2019 at 03:22 PM

TR

“ *We offer our sincere heart felt condolences to Herb's entire Family. We have wonderful memories of working with Herb at the Christmas Tree Farm. We worked with him and Herb taught us a great deal about the business and eventually Herb sold us the business. It took two and sometimes three of us to do the work, Herb did himself. His work ethic (even during retirement) was second to none. We enjoyed all the hours we spent with Herb and Golda Mae. May God's Blessings be with the Family.*  
*Travis, Marica and Terry Russell*

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**TERRY T RUSSELL** - March 08, 2019 at 11:40 AM

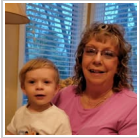
JF

“ *Juan and Susan Cisneros and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Herbert Eugene Washburn.*



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**Juan and Susan Cisneros and family** - March 08, 2019 at 09:03 AM



“ *So sorry to learn of Herbs passing. He was a really nice guy who did a lot for the community. To Golda Mae and Family, may the memories of the wonderful times you shared comfort you today and always.*  
*Sandy (Redburn) Curtis*

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**Sandy Redburn-Curtis** - March 04, 2019 at 10:26 PM

CW

“ *My thoughts and prayers go up for all of you. May God comfort you with his peace.*

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**Christina P Wimsett** - March 01, 2019 at 10:12 PM

RG

“ *Ronald Goltry lit a candle in memory of Herbert Eugene Washburn*



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**Ronald Goltry** - March 01, 2019 at 02:16 PM