

John Merrill Gorton

December 13, 1925 - August 24, 2019

John Merrill Gorton, age 93, of Chanute, KS passed away on Saturday, August 24, 2019, at Diversicare in Chanute. John was born on December 13, 1925 in Sunbeam, CO the son of Merrill and Erma (Archibald) Gorton. His family moved from Colorado to Mulvane, KS in 1933 and then to Wilson County, KS in 1935.

John graduated from Lafontaine High School in 1944 and then attended Pittsburg State University from 1946-1947. He went on and graduated from Kansas State University in 1950. On June 29, 1947 he married Wanda Bagby in Fredonia, KS and they were married for 71 years before she passed away in 2018. John served in the United States Army from June 1944 to April 1946. He worked several different jobs and in December of 1965, he become self-employed as a real estate agent and accountant. John was a lifetime member of the VFW and American Legion and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Chanute.

John is survived by his daughters, Susan Gorton Willis and husband Rick of Chanute, KS and Lisa Gorton Haines and husband Joel of Oklahoma City, OK; brothers: Carl, Ray, Herman and Lloyd Gorton; 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren and one on the way.

John was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Wanda and brothers,

Archie, Harold and Lester Gorton.

Funeral service will be on Friday, August 30, 2019 at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Chanute followed by the burial at Memorial Park Cemetery in Chanute. The Chanute Honor Guard and the Legion Riders will be in charge of the military honors. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. The family suggests memorials to be made to the Neosho County 4-H Foundation 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.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Previous Events

Service

AUG 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church-Chanute
202 S. Lincoln
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

CM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. We sometimes lose a loved one in our life. But the bible gives us hope here at:(Isaiah 26:19)"Your dead will live. My corpses will rise up. Awake and shout joyfully, You residents in the dust! For your dew is as the dew of the morning. And the earth will let those powerless in death come to life." Isn't this a loving prophecy. So please hold onto and be encouraged by this and look forward to that day of seeing your loved one again.

CM - September 09, 2019 at 04:01 AM

JS

“ Hi, girls....I did not realize your mother had passed last year as I had moved from Chanute in 2002 to Oklahoma. I am so sorry for your loss but your mom was such a good friend and so was your dad. They will be missed but I am sure they have left you wonderful memories and you will check in to them (memories) more and more with each passing year. They are good for the soul!



Jeanette M Spilman - August 30, 2019 at 09:37 PM

MD

“ Dear family,

I would like to send my sympathy to my friend Susan at the Chanute Public Library, and also to all of John's family.

I was sorry to hear of the loss of your father.

My condolences, Mike Dillon

mike dillon - August 28, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Merrill Gorton.*



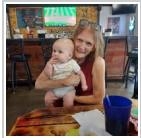
August 28, 2019 at 09:19 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of John Merrill Gorton.*



August 27, 2019 at 07:02 AM



“ *Donna Dye lit a candle in memory of John Merrill Gorton*



Donna Dye - August 26, 2019 at 10:26 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss!*

Judy Walters - August 26, 2019 at 08:28 PM