



Keith Conover Sherman

January 5, 1927 - April 2, 2015

Keith Conover Sherman, 88, departed this life on Thursday, April 2, 2015. He was born January 5, 1927, in Independence, Kansas, to Samuel M. and Buena B. Sherman. He was one of eight children. He was reared in Moline, Kansas, and graduated from Moline High School.

Keith served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

He was attending school at Pittsburg State Teachers College majoring in pre-med when he was re-called to the Navy and served aboard the aircraft carrier Leyte during the Korean Conflict.

He returned to school in 1953 at Kansas State University and received his B.S. and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees in 1954 and 1958. He practiced a short while in Nickerson, Kansas, but spent most of his career at the National Animal Disease Center in Ames, Iowa, as a diagnostic veterinary pathologist. He received a Post Doctorate Master's Degree in Veterinary Pathology at Iowa State University in 1962. His employment offered the opportunity to work in Africa for six months, England where he worked at the London Zoo on two different occasions, South America, and Haiti where he established a laboratory for the U. S. government. He had been on five of the seven continents. He was later transferred to the main office in Washington, D.C., and served on the Swine Disease Staff and the Animal Care Staff where he wrote the regulations for Sea World in Orlando, Florida. He was, at that time, in charge of the 48 state federally funded zoos in the U. S. Following that

he went into administrative work and was Assistant Federal Veterinarian in Charge of both Kansas and Missouri and Federal Veterinarian in Charge of the State of North Carolina, retiring in 1987.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and a brother.

He is survived by his wife Rosemary of the home, a marriage of 62 years, daughter Valerie Ann Durbin and husband Dan of Arkansas City, Kansas, son David Keith Sherman and wife Patty of Solon, Iowa, grandsons Dustin Durbin and Casey Durbin, granddaughters Kelly Sherman and Emily Sherman, great grandson Dylan Durbin and sisters Pat Hanshaw and Barbara Hendricks, both of Winfield, Kansas

He was a life member of the American Legion, Post #107, Chanute, and VFW, Post 1654 of Chanute. He served as Commander of both of these military organizations. He was a member of the Chanute Elks Lodge. He was a 32nddegree Mason with a membership of fifty-six years. His memberships also included Virginia Lodge #315 of Savonburg, of which he was a Past Master three times, Mirza Shrine of Pittsburg, Kansas, Quetzalcoatl, Shrine Units of MGs, Legion of Honor, Life Member of the Sword of Bunker Hill, Past Masters Club, Tri County Club, and Chanute Shrine Club. He was a former member of Jesters, Red Cross of Constantine, and the Commandry of the York Rite in Iola . He had been President of the Mirza Past Masters Club, Chanute Shrine Club, Tri County Shrine Club and Mirza MG Unit. He was a life member of the Valley of Fort Scott Scottish Rite.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Chanute Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at 2:30 at the Moline City Cemetery in Moline, Kansas with military honors.

The family suggests memorials to the Shriners Hospital for Children and may be sent in care of Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland Chanute, KS 66720. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com.

Cemetery Details

Moline City Cemetery

Moline, KS

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I will miss seeing Ken's smiling face at Walmart.



Jan Shipley - April 11, 2015 at 12:00 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Keith Conover Sherman.



April 10, 2015 at 12:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Keith Conover Sherman.



April 08, 2015 at 03:44 PM



“ Toma Aasen purchased the Strength & Solace S pray for the family of Keith Conover Sherman.



Toma Aasen - April 08, 2015 at 11:29 AM

BH

“ I'll always remember his warm welcoming smile every time I saw him at the Moline Alumni or other places. Keith was a "good guy". He will be missed.

Bill Hawkins

Bill Hawkins - April 08, 2015 at 08:07 AM

HW

“ I was truly blessed to have know Keith. I'mm sorry I will miss the celebration of his life. I am in Georgia visiting my daughter and family. Keith will be missed by so many. My thoughts will be with all of you.

Hellen Welch

Hellen Welch - April 07, 2015 at 06:48 PM

LE

“ Sorry to hear of Keith's passing. He was a wonderful person and will be missed by many.
My thoughts and prayers are with the family.
Love, Leona.

Leona - April 04, 2015 at 07:39 AM



“ I remember a gift Uncle Keith gave Aunt Rosemary all wrapped up in a bow,....a car! This would have been around 1970. The love they shared was an inspiration to all who witnessed it. Keith will be missed by so many, but always remembered.



All my love, Toma

Toma Aasen - April 03, 2015 at 06:48 PM

NP

“ I attended Keith and Rosemary's wedding. I remember that when they were kneeling at the alter, someone had written on the bottom of Keith's shoes "HELP ME". I saw Keith's face when the minister asked for the rings, and his best man dropped a quarter down the heat register near to where they were standing. If I'd only had a smart phone then!!
Keith was a wonderful giving man. Rest in peace big guy!!
Nelda Perryman

Nelda Perryman - April 03, 2015 at 06:45 PM

LT

“ Sorry to hear of Keith passing.
Always called him Doc and loved the twinkle in his eye when we'd talk. He had a gentle spirit and I am glad I knew him.
RIP Doc

Lennet Thomas - April 03, 2015 at 06:31 PM