



## Max Leroy Beech

March 30, 1934 - January 29, 2018

Max Leroy Beech, age 83, of Chanute, Kansas, passed away Monday, January 29, 2018 in Lenexa, KS. Max was born on March 30, 1934 on the farm outside of Walnut, KS the son of George and Ruth (Smith) Beech.

Max graduated from Grant High School in Stark, KS in 1952. He married Kay Whitworth in 1955 in Chanute, KS. Max was proud to serve in the Army and later went to work at the Mid America Refinery in Chanute, KS for 23 years. He also worked for Chanute LP Gas for 13 years, hauling propane gas. He also enjoyed gardening and working in the yard and visiting at the coffee shop. Max was an avid KU basketball and KC Royals fan. He also enjoyed spending time with his family, especially playing with his grandkids. Max was a member of the American Legion.

Max is survived by:

Children:

Cheri Berg and husband Dale of Lawrence, KS

Shelly Beech and spouse Liz of Lenexa, KS

Siblings:

Wayne Beech of Chanute, KS

Evelyn Dunham of Manhattan, KS

Grandchildren:

Matthew Berg

Sarah Sharp and husband Michael

Isaac Beech

Great Grandchild:

Margaret Jane Sharp

Companion:

Louise Lassman

Max was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Kay and brother, Paul “Bud” Beech.

A visitation will be held on Friday, February 2, 2018 from 6-8 p.m. at Countryside Funeral Home – Gibson Chapel 16 N. Forest, Chanute, KS. A celebration of life service will be on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 1 p.m. at the Countryside Funeral Home – Gibson Chapel. Interment will follow at Shaw Cemetery in Shaw, KS. The Chanute Honor Guard will be in charge of military honors. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com).

Memorials have been suggested to the Cherry Street Youth Center and Alzheimer’s Association and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home.

Arrangements have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home, 16 N Forest, Chanute, KS 66720.

# Cemetery Details

## Shaw Cemetery

Shaw, KS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Gibson Chapel  
16 N. Forest  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-2660  
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

## Celebration of Life

FEB 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

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16 N. Forest  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-2660  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Max Leroy Beech.*



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January 31, 2018 at 03:58 PM



“ *Such great memories of Max when we all lived on South Central so many years ago. He had a distinctive and memorable laugh. And we will always remember Shelly talking about (telling on) her Dad at our dinner table - great times! Our thoughts, prayers and love are with you during this difficult time.*

*Debbie & Jeff Forgey*

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**Debbie Forgey** - January 31, 2018 at 03:32 PM



“ *KAREN M ROWLAND lit a candle in memory of Max Leroy Beech*



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**KAREN M ROWLAND** - January 31, 2018 at 01:38 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about Max and his passing. Lots of fond memories in Chanute with these friends from 60 years ago. Ron Sutcliffe in Granbury, Texas 1-31-2018*

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**Ronald Sutcliffe** - January 31, 2018 at 10:39 AM