

Davis Funeral Chapel, Inc

Willard "Buck" Elliott

(October 10, 1922 - May 10, 2016)



Sadly, our hero, Willard "Buck" Elliott, 93, of Lansing, surrounded by family, passed away Tuesday, May 10, 2016. Buck was born October 10, 1922 in York, PA, the son of Albert and Margaret Elliott.

Buck grew up in a baseball family. He signed his first minor league contract at age 18 with the Welch Miners of the Mountain State League. After 2 years in the minor leagues he bravely joined the Army Air Corp during WWII as a radio operator/gunner on-board a B-17 bomber that was shot down over Germany in 1944. After parachuting to safety he was captured and served 13 months as a POW at Stalag 17B in Krems, Austria. In 1946 he resumed his baseball career with the Leavenworth Braves which brought him to Kansas and to his future wife, Ruth Dawes. They were married in 1948. Married 59 years, Ruth preceded him in death in 2007. Buck became the postmaster at the VA Center Wadsworth for many years before retiring from the Leavenworth Post Office as Assistant Postmaster in 1984. In retirement he was an avid sports fan and golfer but his greatest love was reserved for his family of 6, children, 9 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. All enjoyed his kind and caring nature.



Buck is survived by his children, Tom (Pam) Elliott of Lenexa, Lou Anne (Ray) Nesheim of Lenexa, Randy Elliott of Lansing, Chris (Joy) Elliott of Leavenworth and Jeff (Christine) Elliott of Leawood. He was also preceded in death by his parents, brother Albert Elliott, sisters Margaret Elliott, Nancy Sharp and Barbara Teague, and one son, Rick Elliott.

Visitation will be Sunday, May 15, 2016 from 5pm to 7pm at Davis Funeral Chapel, 531 Shawnee Street, Leavenworth, Ks. Funeral service will be at 10:30am on Monday May 16, 2016, at the Chapel of the Veterans, Leavenworth. Burial will follow at Mount Muncie Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Doctors without Borders. Arrangements entrusted to Davis Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be left

on Buck's online guestbook at www.davisfuneralchapelinc.com

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