



George William Howell Jr.

August 28, 1932 - November 25, 2018

George William Howell, Jr., 86, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Sunday, November 25, 2018.

George was born August 28, 1932, in Topeka to George and Margueritte Brioude Howell, Sr. He is a graduate of Hayden Catholic High School. George served our country in the US Marine Corps. On February 27, 1954, George and Amelia Jacqueline Jackson were united in marriage, enjoying 41 years together prior to her passing on April 7, 1995.

George was employed by Santa Fe Railroad. He worked his way up to the office of train master before retiring. He was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 534.

Survivors include his children, Rita de Montel (Steve), Patricia Howell, Mike Howell (Mary), Amy Liles (Joe) and Joe Howell; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. George was also preceded in death by his daughter, Georgia Lee Howell.

Family will greet friends from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614, where the rosary will be prayed at 4:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday at Christ the King Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands Humane Shelter or Midland Care Hospice.

Cemetery

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS, 66606

Events

DEC 2 **Visitation** 03:00PM - 05:00PM
Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, KS, US, 66614

DEC 2 **Rosary** 04:30PM
Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka, KS, US, 66614

DEC 3 **Mass of Christian Burial** 11:00AM
Christ the King Catholic Church
5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka, KS, US, 66614

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - December 02, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ So sorry for your loss you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Doug Rosencutter - December 08, 2018 at 04:20 PM



“ We were neighbors and friends with George and Jackie when I was a child. I have memories of "Bill" as a kind man with a great sense of humor and infectious laughter. Their home was always a warm and welcoming place. When we returned from living in Texas, we stayed with Bill, Jackie and the kids for a time. I will always be appreciative of the kindness and help they gave us in getting re-established in Topeka. His was a life well lived and the world was a better place for his having been here. Sending love and prayers for healing to all the family. Sincerely, Linda (Soldan) Mason-Hutton



Linda (Soldan) Mason-Hutton - December 03, 2018 at 01:35 AM



“ George was a fixture at the Topeka yard office for many years and always seemed to have more energy than anyone there. He was always willing to listen to any problems and always welcomed us into his office prior to our shift to exchange any information, or to just talk about anything. Always a big family man, he adored Jackie and his family and put those kids first in his life. We were all fortunate to have him for a "boss" as he made it a family atmosphere. Rest in peace George.



“ I clerked for "George" when we were both at Santa Fe in Topeka. He taught me a lot and allowed me a lot of latitude at times. After I moved on with ATSF we continued to talk about problems, solutions, ideas and what was going on in our lives. He always had time to explain or listen. He was one of the last true railroaders and will be missed by his family and all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Don Oglesbee, retired

Don Oglesbee - December 01, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ I worked with and for George, "Mr. Howell" off and on for over 35 years in the Santa Fe yards as a yardman and as an engineer. In. So many of those years, Santa Fe was much like a family and Georges' leadership was a big part of that. He used to plan and execute some of the most enjoyable family oriented company picnics.

My condolences go out to his family. Norman Schiesser, Locomotive Engineer, ret.

Norman Schiesser - December 01, 2018 at 02:57 PM



“ I hired out as a switchman in Topeka in June of 1967 and George knew my dad Jack Houghton, Operator in Emporia. My first few weeks on the extra board were a little confusing driving back and forth, but it was always nice to see George and know I was in the right town at least!

Mic Houghton

Mic Houghton - December 01, 2018 at 01:54 PM



“ George hired me as switchman, brakeman in December of 1970 for Santa Fe. I thank him for being a good agent and friend, and for putting his trust in me. He helped me become a switch foreman and a yardmaster.

Denis Warkentine

Denis Warkentine - December 01, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ To the Howell Family, George was a life-long friend. Many memories of high school but many more after that. He was vivacious and enterprising. I loved his mother, his wife, and all his children. But he was the center and the focus of them all. We all benefited from his presence in our lives. May he find heavenly peace which he so richly deserves.

Joe Geist - December 01, 2018 at 07:14 AM