



## Donald Caywood

October 18, 1927 - May 26, 2009

Donald Caywood, 81, died Wednesday, May 20, at St. Francis Hospital, Topeka. He was born October 18, 1927, at Alden, KS to Virgil and Lorraine (Craig) Caywood, the third of six children. Brothers, Robert Caywood, Richard Caywood and sister LaVonne Evans, preceded him in death. He graduated from Kingsdown High School in 1945 and served in the US Navy during WWII. He retired from Santa Fe Railway on December 1, 1986. He held various positions on the Santa Fe and worked at many locations. He was promoted to the position of General Transportation Inspector, Eastern Lines in Topeka on April 1, 1964 and attended the Institute of Business Economics at the University of Southern California in 1965. He held the position of Director-Operating Systems at the time of his retirement. Don's great passions were history, golf, dispatching trains, new automobiles and his family. He had been a friend of Bill Wilson's since October 15, 1981. He married Johanna Beckerman on January 28, 1950 at Fowler. She preceded him in death in 2008. Survivors include his children, Susan (Steve) Klein of Overland Park; Cynthia Caywood (David Hay) of San Diego; Brad (Star) Caywood of Topeka; grandchildren, Tiffany (Matt) Erb, Court Caywood, Clint Caywood, Hillary Caywood, Judith Caywood and Abigail Caywood; great granddaughter, Amelia Erb; brother, Fred (Kathleen) Caywood; sisters in law, Kathy Caywood and Lou Caywood; brother in law, Ted Evans. His generosity, wit and wisdom will be greatly missed by all his friends and family. A celebration of his life will be held on Tuesday, May 26th at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801

SW Urish Rd., Topeka, KS 66614. Friends and family will be welcomed from 12 to 1:00 p.m. with a memorial service at 1:00 p.m. Inurnment will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army sent in care of the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Caywood*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Cindy, Please accept my condolences on the loss of your dad and extend them to Susie and all the family. I always knew he was a neat guy but I didn't know he was also a friend of Bill's. Wish we could have met at a meeting, would have been a great way to get to know him better. I know you will miss him and always have his Love, Loretta*

**loretta beier** - June 06, 2009 at 02:39 PM



“ *I fed my mom alongside Don as he fed Johanna at McCrite. I am so thankful for those weeks and months, and the many conversations we shared at what was an extremely hard time in my own life. He was a true gentleman.*

**Joy Rose** - June 06, 2009 at 01:14 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts & prayers are with you and your families.*

**Debbie Worland Boos** - May 28, 2009 at 11:15 AM

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“ Cindy, Susie, Brad and families: What a sad time for all of you--I am so sorry to hear of Don's death. I'm sure there will be many fond memories and good stories to share as you gather to honor and celebrate him. I remember Don for rescuing me occasionally from the indignity of public transportation in Topeka, Ks in 1966! He had an inquiring mind and great interest in the friends of his children--respecting and encouraging opinions that we weren't yet sure we ourselves understood! Blessings to you all as you continue to live the legacy of his life--Terri Rupert

Terri Rupert - May 26, 2009 at 09:30 AM

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“ Caywood Family. I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your families during this difficult time. Godspeed. John and Whitney Smaha

John Smaha - May 26, 2009 at 09:17 AM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. It wasn't too long ago that we heard of your Dad's illness. You have our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you and your families. We both worked for your Father in the early 80's-90's and got to know your Mom as well. He was a great person to know and work for. Gene and Mary Lingren-Hiles

Othia E. Hiles & Mary L Lingren-Hiles - May 22, 2009 at 08:11 AM

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“ Caywood Family- I am so sorry for your loss. It seems that this all happened so quickly. I know he will be missed dearly. You have our deepest sympathy and our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Benji and Tonya Holthaus and family

Tonya Holthaus - May 21, 2009 at 12:51 PM