



## Elmer Blaske

January 10, 1922 - April 11, 2020

Elmer Ralph Blaske, 98, Topeka, Kansas, (formerly of Marysville, Kansas) passed away Saturday, April 11, 2020.

Elmer was born January 10, 1922, to Edward and Minnie Gebhardt Blaske, in the family home in Winkler, Kansas. He attended school in a one room schoolhouse, graduated in 1940 from Randolph High School and went to welding school in Wichita. Elmer joined the Army Corps of Engineers, spending one year in California and a year in Hawaii. He joined the Army Air Corps Cadet program at the University of Florida at Gainesville and subsequently served as a flight engineer in a B-29. While in the Corps he was on the baseball team and sang in a quartet. Elmer and Eva Thomann were united in marriage on November 9, 1947.

On his return from WWII, Elmer went into partnership with his father-in-law as a painting contractor. He later became the first director of buildings and grounds for USD 364 and coached golf for Marysville High School. Elmer performed a great deal in community theater and sang for weddings and funerals. He was an avid Royals and K-State fan, was heavily involved with the Lions Club and the American Legion. More than anything, Elmer loved his family and spending time with them. Elmer attended Fellowship Bible Church.

Elmer is survived by his children, Mike Blaske (Ginger), Terry Leseberg (Larry)

and Kathy Tryon (Pat); grandchildren, Brett, Katie, Whitney, Lori, Stephanie, Stacy, Sarah, Jenny and Jason; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eva, granddaughter, Kristina, great-grandson, Jeret and six brothers and two sisters.

Memorial service will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at Fellowship Bible Church, 6800 SW 10th Avenue, Topeka KS 66615. Service with military honors will be 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8th, at Marysville City Cemetery.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, masks are required and social distance must be kept.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fellowship Bible Church, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

# Cemetery Details

## Marysville City Cemetery

North 18th Street  
Marysville, KS 66508

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Fellowship Bible Church  
6800 SW 10th Street  
Topeka, KS 66615

## Service

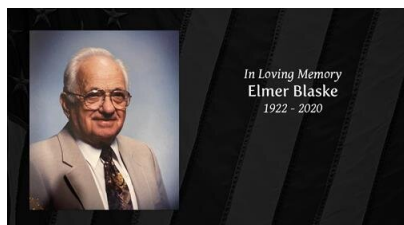
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# Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elmer Blaske



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - July 06, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ Elmer Blaske

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Kathy, I just saw this and I'm overwhelmed with memories of your parents and your whole family. Your father's voice as he sang was so wonderful -- O Holy Night especially. And I remember how he went along with all our crazy ideas -- and how he tried to grow tomatoes in the shade of the barn (drove him crazy that one year when they just didn't get very big). I hope the good memories you all have are helping you through the tough times. With sympathy and love, Sabrina Stanley

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**Sabrina Stanley** - October 23, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ I am sorry to read of the death of your father. My prayers are with your family.

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**Mark Fuller** - July 06, 2020 at 12:03 PM

SW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Kathy and Pat. Memories of your Dad, and your time together and the love that was shared as a family will be with you forever.

*Shari and Craig Weeks*

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**Shari Weeks** - April 16, 2020 at 12:12 AM

LT

“ Mike, Terry and family--so sorry to read of your dad's passing. You were so lucky to have him in your lives for so long. Larry Tenopir

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**Larry Tenopir** - April 15, 2020 at 12:55 PM

MC

“ Thank you for your service to our Great Nation. A member of the *GREATEST GENERATION*, gone but not forgotten. Thank you all your support for the American Legion. May God bless you, your family and your friends.

*Mike Simmons  
Past 1st District Commander  
American Legion Department of Kansas*

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**Mike Simmons Past District Commander** - April 15, 2020 at 12:44 PM

WB

“ I always considered Elmer to be a good friend and mentor. I Rembrandt working on projects together sharing stories. When Mary Ann and I purchased an old home that needed new wall covering, Elmer taught me how to hang wall paper.

*Wayne and Mary Ann Bower*

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**Wayne bower** - April 15, 2020 at 09:51 AM