



## George Sellens

April 17, 1922 - January 15, 2006

George Wayne Sellens, age 83, of Topeka, KS passed away January 15, 2006 at the Topeka VA.

George was born April 17, 1922 in Russell County, Ks to Henry "Hank" and Florette Overholt Sellens.

George married Theda June 4, 1946. She survives.

George worked as a civil servant at Ft Riley for 30 years as Post Quarter Master. He was a member of the Scottish Rite of Salina, Masonic Lodge # 16, Manhattan, KS, Manhattan Shrine Club. He served in the Army during WWII, he was a member of the 101st Airborne.

Survivors include, his wife, Theda Sellens, Topeka, David Sellens, CA, Nancy & John Coleman, Overland Park, KS, John Sellens, Debra & Lonny Howat, both of Olathe, Mark and Carmen Sellens, Topeka, Tricia & Bill Stutts, Olathe, KS, 11 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild; 2 brothers, Kenneth Sellens, Great Bend, KS, Herb Sellens, Hoisington, sisters Bula Ernst, Attica, Mary Lou Delano, McCook, NE, and Carolyn Huffman, Attica, KS.

Mr. Sellens will lie in state from 4-8 p.m. with family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, at Kevin Brennan Family. Services will be Friday 10:30 a.m.

Friday, January 20, 2006 at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home. Private burial will follow in Manhattan.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation c/o Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home 2801 SW Urish Rd Topeka, KS 66614.

# Tribute Wall



“ George Sellens

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Dear Theda and family,

*I am pretty late to offer condolences. I knew George and worked with him after he retired from the Fort. I think he painted houses and did other handyman favors for the elderly for free or next to nothing. Once or twice we worked together and I very much enjoyed his company. One time he told me this joke that I found today in my Journal from 1981:*

*George Sellens, a friend and a fellow painter, tells me this story:  
“Two farmers were talking. ‘Elmer, how do you keep hogs down at the old Jones place? There’s no water down there.’*

*“I have to herd them 5 miles every day up to my place to the well,’  
Elmer said.*

*“Doesn’t that take alot of time?’*

*“Oh, sure, 2 hours down and 2 hours back. But what’s time to a hog?’”*

*I also remember that once for some reason I wrote George a check, and you endorsed it and on the back with your endorsement you wrote "Thank you." You were the first person I ever knew to do that.*

*Now I am 83, the very same age that George was when he passed some fifteen years ago. God bless you and God bless are the Sellens family.*

Charley Kempthorne - July 11, 2021 at 04:12 PM

LM

“ Dear Theda,  
You may not remember me, but we met back in the late 70's or early 80's in Manhattan in a Bible study. It may have been a Friendship Bible Coffee. I read George's obituary and wanted to let you know how sorry I am that you are widowed. I have thought of you off and on throughout the years and wondered how you are doing, but never made contact. I was suprised to see that you are now living in Topeka. Please accept my sincerest sympathy. May God bless and comfort you and your family.

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**Linda Mullin** - January 22, 2006 at 03:59 PM

MC

“ I remember George always loved food and his family! He had a stubborn streak but he would do anything for his friends and family. I know he'll be missed. Please know I'm thinking about you. All my love, Melissa

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**Melissa Cooper** - January 19, 2006 at 12:05 PM

MD

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We were so saddened to hear of your loss. We had the priveledge of knowing him for 47 years and we will sorely miss him. Sincerely,  
The Duttons of Dwight, Kansas.

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**Mr and Mrs Thomas Dutton** - January 18, 2006 at 10:14 PM

MP

“ Theda

*It just seems like yesterday that David, George, and the Bodolotos and I were playing catch and hard ball practicing on N 15th. I know that George is in smokepole heaven shooting the covy rise and David is probably still wearing casts. I was sorry to read about Georges death in the paper. We enjoyed lots of good hunts together. Remembering you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Melvin Padgett*

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**Melvin Padgett** - January 18, 2006 at 06:54 PM

RB

“ We are saddened to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God give all of you comfort and peace.

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**Robert & Becky Beckley** - January 18, 2006 at 06:46 PM

BM

“ George worked for me when I was The Director of Industrial Operations at Fort Riley. George's responsibilities were significant; Food Service to the Troops, Commissary Operations and the Post Laundry. George performed his duties with a high level of professionalism and his own brand of characteristic good humor. I knew that I never had to worry about George's operations they were always "squared away". Some of my fondest memories of my Army career are touring George's operations while he filled me in on the latest status of his outfit. On behalf of my wife, Marcella and myself let me extend to all of the Sellens family. We will miss him. Bruce & Marcella Mignano

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**Bruce & Marcella Mignano** - January 18, 2006 at 06:43 PM

MF

“ *It was truly a joy to get to know George during our relationship together. I'll always remember his service to our country, his dedication to his family, and his generosity and caring for his fellow man. I know that the family will miss his leadership as will I. I also know that he made his mark by the family that he leaves behind with Theda. May God bless you all.*

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**Mark Queen & Family** - January 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *George Sellens*

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January 17, 2006 at 08:44 PM