



## Harlan Counter

January 1, 1925 - February 8, 2009

Harlan C. Counter, 84, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009 at Stormont Vail Hospital after battling ALS. He was born Jan. 31, 1925 in Topeka, the son of William and Dorothy Noble Counter. Harlan graduated from Topeka High School in 1943 and entered the US Army that same year. He served in the U.S. 5th Army, 473rd Antiaircraft Battalion during WWII campaigns in Italy and Africa earning a Purple Heart. Harlan married Billie Yarber on Nov. 27, 1946 at Assumption Catholic Church in Topeka. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1951, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architecture. Harlan was an architect for the State of Kansas in the Dept. of Administration, Division of Architectural Services for 35 years. His career also included work for private firms. He worked on several landmarks including the President Eisenhower Memorial in Abilene, several buildings on the KU campus in Lawrence, including Allen Fieldhouse and Fraser Hall, and the Docking State Office Building in Topeka. He was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Harlan was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, June Counter and his brother, Billy Counter, Jr. He is survived by his wife of over 62 years, Billie Counter of Topeka; a son, Gerald Counter and his wife, Mary of Salina; a daughter, Deborah Ferrell and her husband, David of Mayetta; a son, Randy Counter and his wife, Sally of Shawnee; a son, David Counter of Lawrence; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A parish prayer service will be at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614

where family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Most Pure Heart of Mary Church or Midland Hospice sent in care of the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harlan Counter*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear Jerry and Debbie, your families, and the Counter family. God bless you all. It was so very good to see you both at the service. You know, our 'life families' stretch far and wide, always. You are in my prayers and thoughts and memories that can keep us all connected. Your dad, I'm sure, is so very proud of you both. Again, a HUG and wish comfort in your hearts. Karen Meyer*

**Karen meyer** - February 09, 2009 at 11:49 AM



“ *Jerry,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.  
Please accept our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of your father.*

**Staff of Educational Publishers** - February 09, 2009 at 09:15 AM



“ *i am very sorry for your families loss.*

**raymond crawford** - February 07, 2009 at 09:09 AM