



Leland Stanford Gearhart Jr.

January 13, 1927 - June 28, 2017

Leland Stanford Gearhart, Jr., was born on January 13, 1927, in Shenandoah IA and died at age 90 on June 28, 2017, in Topeka KS.

A graduate of Topeka High School, Lee joined the U.S. Navy and saw action on the destroyer U.S.S. John R. Pierce during WWII. He married Joanne Tindell in 1956. Lee earned a B.S. in Education and National Honors in Mathematics from Emporia State in 1951. He spent 38 years developing and implementing the first computer systems for data processing, strategic analysis and logistics management; first at Forbes AFB, then at Brookley AFB in Mobile AL. A supervisor of over 450 employees, he enjoyed 25 years at McClellan AFB in Sacramento CA, where he ruled the golf course, the poker table, the football betting pools and the weeds in his garden beds. Lee exemplified ethics of fair play and intense competitiveness, as an accomplished athlete and coach. An inventor of card games, an enthusiastic board gamer and a lover of Yahtzee, Lee shared his sly wit and sense of humor with all he met, most recently with the staffs at Lexington Park and Stormont-Vail Hospital, who cared for him like a family member.

Lee was predeceased by his beloved wife, Jo; brother, Bill; and brothers-in-law, Bill Tindell and Bob Blinn.

His survivors include son, Leland Stanford Gearhart III (Pat); grandson,

Leland Stanford Gearhart IV; granddaughter, Alexandra Gearhart; daughter, Jenyth Gearhart-Utchen, Frank Utchen; granddaughters, Audrey Utchen and Lauren Utchen; sister, Joan Gearhart Bleske (Don); sisters-in-law, Jeanne Blinn, Louise Tindell and Jan Tindell; brother-in-law, Allen Tindell and many beloved nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 15th, at First Presbyterian Church, 817 SW Harrison Street, Topeka KS 66612.

Private inurnment will be in Scranton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Folds of Honor Foundation, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Cemetery Details

Scranton Cemetery

Lewelling Road
Scranton, KS

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
817 SW Harrison St.
Topeka, KS 66612

Tribute Wall



“ *Leland Stanford Gearhart Jr.*

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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leland Stanford Gearhart Jr..*



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