



# Herbert Howell Shanks Jr

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**H**erbert Howell Shanks, Jr., age 93, of Sherrills Ford, NC, passed away on September 10, 2024. Born on August 28, 1931, in Childress, TX, he was the beloved son of Herbert Howell Shanks and Laura Alma Gibson.

Herbert married the love of his life, Genevieve Ilene Zerbe, on March 14, 1953, at Sheridan Road Baptist Church in Tulsa, OK. Together, they shared a beautiful life filled with love and devotion.

A proud graduate of Quail High School in Quail, TX, class of 1948, Herbert went on to serve his country in the US Air Force from 1951 to 1955. He furthered his education at Spartan Aeronautics in Tulsa, OK, graduating on June 27, 1956.

Herbert had a distinguished career in aviation, working for Trans World Airlines from 1957 to 1987 as a mechanic, flight engineer, and flight instructor. He was notably TWA's first Boeing 747 flight instructor. He continued his career with Orion Air from 1987 to 1990 and with Air Transport International from 1990 to 2002.

Throughout his life, Herbert received numerous accolades, including the Outstanding Airman Award on January 31, 1953, and the Habitat for Humanity Volunteer of the Year award on December 13, 2016. He was also an ordained deacon by Red Bridge Baptist Church in Kansas City, MO, and a licensed private pilot.

Herbert is survived by his three daughters and their husbands, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many other cherished family members.

A service to celebrate Herbert's life will be held on September 16, 2024, at 10:00 AM, conducted by Rev. James Lacy. He will be laid to rest next to his beloved wife at Park Grove Cemetery in Broken Arrow, OK.



## Obituary

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In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 2128 N. Highway 16, Denver, NC 28037.

Herbert's legacy of love, service, and dedication will forever be remembered by all who knew him.

You may click on the attached link to watch Herbert's funeral service

<https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/104540>



# Events


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## Funeral Service

 **Monday**, September 16, 2024


 10:00 AM CT

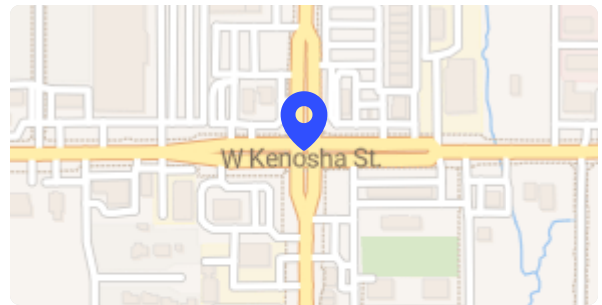
 **Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel**  
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012



## Committal Services

 **Monday**, September 16, 2024

 **Park Grove Cemetery**  
Broken Arrow OK





# Tribute Wall

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**Floral Haven Funeral Home, Crematory Andcemetery** shared a **Video**.



September 12 at 11:38 AM



**Kim Gordon** posted:

I was a care giver for Mr. Shanks at Wexford House in Denver NC. I have never met a man like him. Always kind, knew what he wanted and very independent. He would however submit to me for help. I will always remember him. He just always left a lasting impression. Prayers for the family.

September 18 at 1:59 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Shanks family.



September 14 at 11:06 AM



**Jim Walls** lit a candle in honor of Herbert.

So Sorry For Your Loss! 🙏🙏 Jim Walls



September 14 at 5:57 AM



**Nadine Walls** lit a candle in honor of Herbert.

We are so glad we had the opportunity of meeting Mr. Herb and that he became part of our church family at Mt. Anderson Baptist Church. We will always cherish our first welcomes with him, Luana, and Tim. We are so sorry for your loss and to the rest of your family. May God grant you all much comfort and peace at this time. We know Mr Herb is now rejoicing in heaven. Love and prayers. Jim and Nadine Walls ❤️❤️🙏😊



September 14 at 5:41 AM



**Mary & Bob Pazmann** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Shanks family.



September 13 at 10:14 AM



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**Anonymous** sent an Enduring Grace to the Shanks family.

September 13 at 7:03 AM





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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Herbert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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