



## Herbert Edward Ashcraft

November 20, 1928 - August 17, 2015

Herbert E. Ashcraft, age 86, died on August 17, 2015, in Wausau, Wisconsin. Herb was born November 20, 1928 in Muncie, Indiana. He graduated from high school in Albany, Indiana in 1947. He joined the U.S. Army in 1948, serving over twenty years until 1969. He worked for Statesman Insurance Company as a Claims Representative from 1968 until his retirement in 1990. He served in multiple capacities in the military from recruitment, artillery training to intelligence and was stationed in South Korea, Europe, and many cities in the United States. He met his wife, Hedwig (Hedy) Ashcraft, while stationed in Salzburg, Austria. They married on July 16, 1956 in Oberstein, Germany.

Upon retiring from the Army, he returned with his family to Indiana where he worked the northwest region of Indiana for Statesman, living near Morocco, Indiana for five years before moving to Rensselaer, Indiana for over thirty five years. Upon retirement from Statesman, he and his wife spent summers vacationing on Long Lake in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, where they enjoyed boating and fishing. In 2011 they moved to Wausau, Wisconsin to live nearer their daughter Jennifer Statz and her family.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Hedy; daughters, Linda Ashcraft and her husband Ward Ackerman, Southamton, NY; Jennifer Statz and her husband Chuck Statz, Wausau, Wisconsin; grandchildren Dr. Kaitlin (Edward J.) McKenna, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Benjamin and Luke Statz, Wausau, Wisconsin. He is also survived by brothers, Robert (Janet) Ashcraft, Muncie,

Indiana; Jim (Jo Ann) Ashcraft, Pendleton, Indiana; sister, Bette (Earl) Gowen, Port Orange, Florida; and sister-in-law, Patricia Ashcraft, Muncie, Indiana. He is predeceased by his parents, Albert E. and Blanche Olga (Bartsch) Ashcraft; brother, William Ashcraft and sister, Dorothy Edgar.

A memorial service, with military honors, will be held at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Rensselaer, Indiana at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, November 7, 2015 with Reverend Elizabeth Hartmann officiating Memorial donations may be made to the First Christian Church, 327 N. Van Rensselaer Street, Rensselaer, IN 47978.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5125  
[info@jacksonfuneral.com](mailto:info@jacksonfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

KF

“ Kevin And Kate (Egan) Geleott & Family lit a candle in memory of Herbert Edward Ashcraft



Kevin and Kate (Egan) Geleott & family - November 05, 2015 at 08:44 PM

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“ Martha Langlely lit a candle in memory of Herbert Edward Ashcraft



Martha Langlely - November 04, 2015 at 11:43 AM

KF

“ Jenny, Linda and Hedy, we are so very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. You were all wonderful neighbors. Your dad was such a good friend to my dad. They always enjoyed visiting. Thinking of you all at this difficult time.

Kelly Feltzer - August 29, 2015 at 05:43 PM

KF

From Blaine Merriman and family.

Kelly Feltzer - August 29, 2015 at 05:43 PM



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**Janice Odom** - August 25, 2015 at 07:55 PM



“ *My name is Terri Markstrum - I have an aunt that resides at the Renaissance in Weston, WI. On many of my daily visits, Herb was sitting outside enjoying his pipe. I always told him how very nice it smelled, and he would smile and tell me he got very good tobacco from down south. We would always smile and share weather concerns. I knew something wasn't right when I didn't see him outside. I will miss our occasional pleasantries and especially miss that good smelling tobacco. My sympathies to your family - I will miss him!*

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**Terri Markstrum** - August 24, 2015 at 12:40 PM



“ *Jenny,  
I was so sorry to hear about your Dad! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers!*

*Love, Barb*

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**Barb Wilgus** - August 24, 2015 at 09:18 AM

LZ

“ *Hedy, Linda and Jennifer and Family so sorry for your loss. Herb was also so proud of both of you girls. May he rest in peace. Prayers to all the Family.*  
*Lori (Schultz) Zeider*

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**Lori Zeidr** - August 24, 2015 at 08:05 AM

ST

“ *My sympathy to Hedy, Linda and Jenny! Herb was always so good to me and loved having all the kids around when we were growing up. Very fond memories! I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Sandy Ford Turnbeaugh** - August 23, 2015 at 09:11 PM

JL

“ *Jim & Dorrie Lefler lit a candle in memory of Herbert Edward Ashcraft*



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**Jim & Dorrie Lefler** - August 22, 2015 at 01:31 PM

BM

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*Hi:*

*Sorry to hear about your father. We have had a lot of good talks over the years. I know he will be missed by all of you. You have our deepest sympathy and love. Hope Hedy is doing OK. If there is anything we can do let us know.*

*With Love and Thoughts,*

*Barbara and Victor Moore*

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**Barbara and Victor Moore** - August 20, 2015 at 12:54 PM