



## 1SG (Ret) Wilmetta Jean Herbert

April 22, 1933 - April 21, 2016

Willmetta Jean Herbert, the daughter of the late Ralph and Harriet (Cox) Taylor, was born on April 22, 1933 in Monmouth, Illinois. She was reared and educated in Monmouth, Illinois.

In February 1954, Jean entered the United States Army and served faithfully until her retirement in April 1979. She attained the rank of First Sergeant and earned several awards; Army Commendation Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), and numerous Letters of Commendation and Appreciation.

She held different positions during her career; Non-commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC), Department of Pathology at Letterman Army Medical Center, San Francisco, CA, instructor in blood banking and drawing procedures at Brook Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, TX, NCOIC Patient Administration, Fort Lewis, WA and the 121st Evacuation Hospital in Korea.

On November 26, 1965 she was united in marriage to the love of her life, Franklin Herbert. They shared 50 wonderful years together.

After retirement, Jean was selected to serve on the Chief of Staff Army Retiree Council in Washington, DC, was a member of the Thrift Shop Board,

Fort Leonard Wood, MO, and volunteered at the Thrift Shop, Fort Lewis, WA, and Fort Ord, CA, Retirement Service Office (RSO), DPCA at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, the Retiree Council at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, coordinating the Annual Retiree Dinner, was a member of the Post Exchange Board, a member of the Community Health Care Board and was a member of the E-9's Wife Club on Fort Leonard Wood.

She was a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee in St. Robert, MO and volunteered for the YMCA.

In 2010, she was the Parade Marshall during the Veterans' Day Parade. In her spare time, Jean enjoyed traveling, interior decorating, and planning the family reunion every year.

She was a member of the Bellarmine Catholic Church in St. Robert, MO. She served in the choir and was a faithful servant until she was no longer able to attend.

Jean leaves to cherish her memory, her husband over 50 years; CSM Franklin Herbert; two sisters: Patricia Lucas of Monmouth, IL, and Lillie Hayes of Galesburg, IL; three brothers: Vincent Taylor of Moline, IL, John Taylor of Monmouth, IL, and Robert Taylor of Davenport, IA Vietnam and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to her parents, Jean was preceded in death by two sisters: Genevieve Mac Million and Shirley Manley; one brother, Larry Dean Taylor killed in Vietnam.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2016 in the St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church of St. Robert, Missouri with Father John Groner officiating. Soloist/Pianist Evelyn Horine led the congregation in singing "How

Great Thou Art”, “Amazing Grace” and responses.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 2016 in the Turnbull Funeral Homes of Monmouth, Illinois with Rev. Jerry Cato officiating. Music was provided by Pianist Leo F. Ramer and soloist DuWayne Brooks. Burial with military honors followed in the Monmouth Cemetery of Monmouth, Illinois. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Arrangements were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church  
367 Old Route 66  
St. Robert, MO  
(573) 336-3662  
[office@strobertcatholic.com](mailto:office@strobertcatholic.com)

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of 1SG (Ret) Wilmetta Jean Herbert*

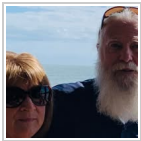


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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - April 26, 2016 at 02:41 PM



“ *1SG (Ret) Wilmetta Jean Herbert*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Tamarah Newell sent a virtual gift in memory of 1SG (Ret) Wilmetta Jean Herbert*



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**Tamarah Newell** - May 10, 2016 at 08:04 AM



“ *The Fort Leonard Wood community has lost a true champion of its many missions. Deepest condolences to Mrs. Herbert's family and friends.*

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**Karen Churn** - April 29, 2016 at 09:13 AM



“ 21 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - April 26, 2016 at 02:26 PM

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“ Chad And Debbie Nelson lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Wilmetta Jean Herbert



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**Chad and Debbie Nelson** - April 25, 2016 at 10:26 AM

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“ *In Sympathy - PEACE I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. John 14:27*



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**PULAKSKI COUNTY CAMP GIDEONS** - April 24, 2016 at 06:01 PM

CB

“ Our hearts go out to Frank and Family during this season of bereavement and deep emotional pain. We pray for the absence of despair and for their comfort and strength in knowing that Jean gave her very best in love for family, friends, and her military career in The Women's Army Corps (WAC). Quite obvious to many of us were her continuing efforts of increased selfless service with good will towards making life better for many in our community. We know that the Fort Leonard Wood Retiree Council has lost a tremendous supporter who will be obviously and sorely missed. We are thankful to God to welcome and embrace Jean with his everlasting arms so she can rest in peace.



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**CSM Harold and Brigitte Burleson** - April 24, 2016 at 05:59 PM

PG

“ Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid...for the Lord they God will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Deuteronomy 31:6



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**PULASKI COUNTY CAMP GIDEONS** - April 24, 2016 at 05:30 PM

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“ CSM. oh how well I remember you and your lovely wife and the memories I have of you both. You were wonderful people as well as friends and Jean was always such a delight to see and visit with. Peace and comfort to you and your other family members during this time.

*Dennis and Liz Leuschen*

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**Liz Leuschen** - April 24, 2016 at 03:50 PM

AC

“ Alan And Pamela Cox Clark lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Wilmetta Jean Herbert



Alan and Pamela Cox Clark - April 24, 2016 at 08:41 AM

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“ Bill & Jean O'Dell lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Wilmetta Jean Herbert



Bill & Jean O'Dell - April 23, 2016 at 05:21 PM

MS

“ Marge Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of 1SG (Ret) Wilmetta Jean Herbert



Marge Scott - April 23, 2016 at 10:52 AM

EB

“ Ed & Sue Bott lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Wilmetta Jean Herbert



Ed & Sue Bott - April 23, 2016 at 09:55 AM

LS

“ LINDA & ROBERT SCHONBOK lit a candle in memory of 1SG (Ret) Wilmetta Jean Herbert



LINDA & ROBERT SCHONBOK - April 22, 2016 at 04:01 PM

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THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE!!!

LINDA - April 22, 2016 at 04:01 PM

PS

“ Jean was a very special lady. She volunteered for me at Retirement Services at Ft Leonard Wood for over 6 years. She will be missed.  
Pauline Sherrell  
Retired RSO

pauline sherrell - April 22, 2016 at 03:46 PM

MS

“ IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF HER SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. PRAYERS GO OUT TO HER FAMILY AND LOVED ONES.

MARLIN [MARY] STEVENS



MARLIN STEVENS - April 22, 2016 at 02:33 PM