

Atchison, KS

Delbert G. "Dub" Ehret, 96 long time Atchison resident, passed away peacefully with family by his side on November 14th, 2019.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, November 22, 2019 at the First Christian Church, Atchison, KS with the Rev. Matt Broxterman officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the ceremony starting at 9:30 am. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Atchison Family YMCA, the First Christian Church or the Mount Vernon Cemetery, they may be sent in care of the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home who has been entrusted with the arrangements. Condolences to the family may be left online at www.beckerdyer.com.

Dub was born on October 4, 1923, to Fred and Mae (Spilman) Ehret in Saint Joseph, MO.

Dub shared a birthday with his beautiful bride Marion (Martin) whom he married on June 6th 1950 at Saint Marks Lutheran Church, Atchison, she survives in the home. Dub graduated from the Atchison High School in 1941 he then attended and played football for Saint Benedicts College for two years before being drafted into the Air Force in 1943. In 1946 Dub attended Kansas State University in Manhattan where he earned a bachelor's degree in physical education. He has continued to support the Wildcats throughout his life as a longtime season ticket holder. Dub returned to Atchison in 1949, the local YMCA was in need of help and that's when he was offered a full time job. Dub gave Marion the choice of moving to South Dakota as originally planned for a job with the VA or to stay in Atchison. They choose to make Atchison their home and he became the Executive Secretary of the YMCA. He retired from the YMCA after 39 years of service in 1988. Dub is most well known as the originator of the "Boundary Waters" canoe trips. In 1958 the first group of Atchison campers, eight youth and two adults went north. Since that time Dub has led more than 650 campers to Ely and on into the "BWCA." In total, he led over 160 versions of these camping trips making his final trek into his beloved Boundary Waters in 2001. Later in his career he hung up the tents and started taking "fly in" trips with "the older men" staying in cabins at Lake Harris in Ontario. Over 160 adults have experienced this fly in experience. He took his final trip "up north" in 2015, at the age of 91. Dub was a lifelong member of the First Christian Church where he most recently served as Elder Emeritus. He was a member of Rotary Club and School board for 8 years. He enjoyed attending coffee club every morning at McDonalds and lunch with his fishing buddies at Paolucci's on Tuesdays.

Additional survivors include: a son, Marty (Leslie) Ehret, Wichita and two daughters Nancy (Timothy) Beattie, Olathe and Sara Laurie, Atchison. Eight grandchildren, Beth Galley, Paul Ehret, Megan Day, Bree Ederer, Lindsay Thomas, Whitney Ehret, Brooke Genail, Allison Laurie and sixteen great-grandchildren.

His parents and a daughter Deborah Ehret-Reyes preceded him in death.

Private family burial of cremated remains will be in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Atchison.