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He was engaged to Baroness Stephanie Von Mangoldt of Starnberg, Germany in 1953, but was never married.

He attended Pittsburg schools and received his bachelor's in commercial education in 1941 from Kansas State Teachers College, now PSU. He received his bachelor's in law in 1948 and his doctorate in law in 1970 from Washburn University in Topeka.

He served four years in World War II in grade of technical sergeant, among other units, with the distinguished Eastern Bomber Command, APO 798 (Al Kessler's Flying Cossacks), which was under a severe German bombardment June 21, 1944, known as the Poltava Incident. He was commissioned as first lieutenant in the Army Reserve upon becoming a lawyer and, upon recall, served on Judge Advocate's staff with the 28th and 43rd Infantry Divisions in occupied Germany 1952 and 1953, and retired as major in 1973.

He was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons, Pittsburg Masonic Lodge 187, Sons of the American Revolution, National Association of Uniformed Services, Baker Grange 1987, a 25-plus year member of United Commercial Travelers 77, a 70-plus year member of First Christian Church, majority member and Chevalier member of Pittsburg Chapter No. 3, Order of DeMolay, and life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars 1158, American Legion Post No. 64, Washburn Alumni, and Fort Scott Consistory.

He was admitted to practice law June 24, 1948 by the Kansas Supreme Court and the United States District Court upon successful completion of the Kansas Bar Examination. He returned to Pittsburg where he practiced law until his retirement in 1995, except for military service from 1951 to 1953, during which time he was associated with CS Denison from 1950-1954. He was successful in four of five appeals before the Kansas Supreme Court, one of which was against City Hall. He also served as Baker Township Justice of Peace, Senior Councilor and Chaplain of United Commercial Travelers, Chaplain and Judge Advocate of the American Legion and veterans of Foreign Wars Chairman of Pittsburg Safety Council and Deacon of First Christian Church.

He was a member of the Fireman and Oilers and Railway Clerks unions while employed by the Kansas City Southern Railway from 1941-1946.

Survivors include three adopted sons, Curtiss Elwood Hemby, John Wayne Bough and Larry Wayne Livingston all of the Pittsburg area; a niece and two great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ruby M. Warren.

No services are planned at this time. Inurnment will be at a later date at Fort Scott National Cemetery, Fort Scott.

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