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He was born Nov. 16, 1935 in Chanute to Palmer and Mildred (Baker) Forslund. He was raised in Chanute where he attended and graduated from Chanute High School in 1953.

He attended Chanute Junior College and following graduation, he entered the U.S. Army and transferred to the U.S. Air Force Officer Candidate School. Following the service, he attended Pittsburg State University and received his bachelor's degree in art and education and a secondary degree in psychology. He was selected as a distinguished member of Who's Who in the United States.

He married Twyla Bennett on April 4, 1964 in Seneca, Mo. She survives.

He taught college art classes at PSU. He was art director for Pittcraft, Inc., in Pittsburg; Kustom Electronics in Chanute; Birdview Satellite in Chanute and Cobalt Boats in Neodesha. He retired in 1998. He was also a substitute teacher and worked at the Neodesha Chamber Museum.

He was a member of the Christian Church, Masonic Harmony Lodge No 94 of Neodesha; Mirza Temple of Pittsburg.

Additional survivors include one son, Zack Forslund of Neodesha; one daughter, Rene Hines of Independence; one brother, John V. Forslund of Paola; two sisters, Janice Akers of Chanute, and Terry Walker of Pittsburg; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday with the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Christian Church of Neodesha with Pastor Gene Benefield of the Buxton Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow at the Bethel Cemetery with Masonic Rites presented by Masonic Harmony Lodge No 94. Online condolences may be left at www.penwellgabel.com.

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