



## Kenneth R. Knickerbocker

May 19, 1946 - March 13, 2015

First Sgt. Kenneth R. Knickerbocker, US Army, Retired, age 68 of Gardner, KS, died Friday, March 13, 2015, at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, IL.

He was born on Sunday, May 19, 1946, in Kansas City, MO the son of Maximilian Robert and Sherley Jane (nee Thomas) Knickerbocker.

On Saturday, December 14, 1985, he married Teri Lyn Knickerbocker (nee Hayward) who survives.

He was a member of the Catholic Faith; Masonic Lodge 239, Winter Park, FL; American Legion Post 53, Sanford, FL; Union Armies of the West, Kansas (President); Lincoln's Generals.

Kenneth was born at Kansas City, Missouri. He was raised in the Kansas City area and graduated from Rockhurst High School in 1964. He served with the US Army and retired as a First Sgt,. After he retired from the Army he lived in Washington DC; Florida and Kansas. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Northwood University, MI. He was a Civil War reenactor; he portrayed Major General and President James A Garfield with the Lincoln's Generals.

Survivors include:

Wife - Teri L. Knickerbocker, Longwood, FL  
Son - Robert M. (Kimberly) Knickerbocker, Louisville, KY  
Daughter - Amanda R. (Steve) Purvis, Bowling Green, KY  
Son - Timothy R. Knickerbocker, Tallahassee, FL  
Daughter - Stephanie A. Knickerbocker, Longwood, FL  
Grandchild - Brooklynn E. Becker, Bowling Green, KY  
Grandchild - Bryleigh P. Becker, Bowling Green, KY  
Grandchild - Makena B. Purvis, Bowling Green, KY  
Grandchild - Madison Lurie, Louisville, KY  
Grandchild - Trace Lurie, Louisville, KY  
Sister - Alexandra L. (Steven) Buchholz, Spring Hill, KS  
Sister In-law - Carolyn A. Knickerbocker, Lees Summit, MO  
Brother In-law - Steve Mendoza, Kansas City, KS

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Maximilian Robert Knickerbocker  
Mother - Sherley Jane Knickerbocker ( nee Thomas)  
Brother - William T. Knickerbocker  
Sister - Elizabeth F. Eatherton  
Sister - Marjorie J. Mendoza  
Brother - Jeffrey E. Knickerbocker (infant)  
Sister - Constance Knickerbocker (infant)

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Illinois.

Graveside Service will be Friday, March 27, 2015 at 11:30 AM at Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, Georgia.

# Tribute Wall

BK

“ I am grateful for the life of Mr. Knickerbocker. Thanks to his service and to the service of others in our armed forces, my family and I have been able to lead our lives in freedom and peace.

Bob in Overland Park, Kansas - August 31, 2015 at 05:11 PM



“ Memorial services will be held in Kansas City, Mo. Please watch for info.

Alexandra Buchholz - March 17, 2015 at 10:16 PM

AE

“ Rob, Kim, and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You both have lost a parent in less than three weeks. Praying for your family during this very sad and difficult time.

Aunt Elaine - March 16, 2015 at 08:53 PM



“ On behalf of the US Army Brotherhood of Tankers, we would like to express our condolences to the family, and a well deserved "Thanks" for a job well done and a life well lived, in the service of our country. Rest easy, Top, we have the watch now.



Matthew Aamot - March 13, 2015 at 08:58 PM

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*"On behalf of the Officers and members of American Legion Post#350 Spring Hill, Kansas, I would like extend our deep sympathy to the family in your loss. Know that you are in our prayers and thoughts.  
Bill Brown Chaplin*

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**Chaplin Bill Brown** - March 19, 2015 at 10:08 AM