



Master Sergeant Herbert Walter Denmark US Army

May 28, 1936 - September 4, 2017

Master Sergeant Herbert Walter Denmark, U.S. Army (Retired).

Married to Mrs. Delores Denmark.

Children: Herbert Walter Denmark, Jr., Sandra E. Denmark, Janice L. Denmark, Deborah D. Terry and Beverly M. Johnson.

Grandchildren: Jessica Terry, Roosevelt Terry, Carlos Buggs, Lance Terry and Imani Johnson.

Great-Grandchildren: Akel, Ania'Lynne, and Savannah

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richard Denmark, Sr., (Gladys), Savannah, Ga. (both deceased)

Siblings: Mrs. Ruby Mae Jones, Sarah Alvis Denmark, Savannah; Robert R. Denmark, Jr., Sacramento, Ca; and Mrs. Isabelle King, St. Albans, NY.

Herbert was a church-going, family man who cared about his community and country. Herbert was born and raised in Savannah, Georgia where he graduated from Beach High School in 1954. He was a member of St. John Baptist Church. He joined the Army and served in several elite units which include the 11th Airborne Division, 3rd Infantry (Old Guard) at Arlington, Virginia; and the 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam. His awards and decorations The Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal,

Army Commendation Medal, Ranger Arc Tab, and Parachute Badge. Other honors include Noncommissioned Officer of the Year (1972) U.S. Army Aviation Center and Fort Rucker, Alabama and U.S. Army Air Traffic Controller of the Year (1974). He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeant Majors Academy (Class #9); Airborne School, Ranger School, U.S. Air Force Air Traffic Control School, U.S. Navy GCA-C School and 2nd Infantry Division NCO Academy. His education includes a Bachelor's Degree (Cum Laude) from Troy State University, Alabama and a Master's from the University of Northern Colorado.

Herbert was a writer whose poetry, articles and editorials were published in books, magazines, newspapers and anthologies. His writing awards include First Place 1979 Technical Writing Award, Air Traffic Control Association; Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge (1977); Clark Atlanta University Writing Awards for fiction and poetry (1989); and Reporter of the Year (1983) Exchange Post Newspaper.

Herbert was active in the Atlanta area arts and literature community. He was president of Pen and Pica Writers (20 years), president of the Georgia Poetry Society (1999-2001), on the advisory boards of Georgia Writers Association (2003) and Georgia Center for the Book (1998-2017), a Literary Panelist for the Georgia Council for the Arts (2002), Arts Clayton Board of Creative Advisors (1990), and Arts Clayton, Inc. (1991-2017).

Herbert's poetry, fiction, and articles have been published in newspapers, journals, books, and anthologies including the Savannah Literary Journal, Atlanta Voice, Atlanta Daily World, Sentinel, Parnassus Literary Journal, Summer Shade, Reach of Song, Shout Them from The Mountain Top, and DeKalb Community Journal. His chapbooks include "In Metaphysical Splendor," "Second Finger, Left Hand," and "High Heels and Jeans: Poetry for the Foxy Teen." He is the editor of "The Night the Animals Screamed." He was

the co-author of "If it's Monday, it's Mayretta," a play that was performed by the Knight's Players in 2001.

Some of the actions Herbert is exceptionally proud of are reading his poetry for the audience at Kingfest (1984 & 1985) at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in Atlanta, having his poem "A Cleansing of the System" selected by a panel to be photo-etched onto a plaque for inclusion in the City of Atlanta Detention Center Plaza on Peachtree Street (1995), participation in the Georgia Poetry Society's Poetry in the Schools Program where poets visit schools in Georgia to read to students and encourage them to write, and contributing an article to "The New Georgia Encyclopedia Companion to Georgia Literature." He also read his poetry at several libraries in the Atlanta area. His film "Poetry Alive in Georgia" a one-hour program about the Georgia Poetry Society was played on Cable DeKalb, Inc. television on April 12, 1981. Herbert hosted, filmed and edited. He was proud to serve with CONTACT ATLANTA, a crisis-intervention ministry of people helping people 24-hours-a-day by telephone. He spent many hours on the telephone helping people in distress. Herbert was especially pleased to participate in the "Together on Hogback Mountain" project. The purpose of the project was to restore the old Dickey Cemetery on Hogback Mountain in Fannin County. The cemetery dates back to 1842 and holds the remains of George and Hannah Dickey, plus 26 or 27 slaves belonging to them. A ceremony of racial respect and reconciliation would be held. Herbert's job was to find living descendants of the slaves buried in the cemetery. It was a hard job, but he was successful. The celebration was held on Sunday, June 13, 1999 at Mineral Bluff Baptist Church and at the cemetery with descendants of both races attending. Dr. Fred Craddock, Professor-emeritus, Candler School of Theology, Emory University and U.S. Representative Cynthia McKinney were the speakers.

Herbert's love of poetry began when he was a pre-teen and had to learn

Easter speeches to perform in church. In high school he learned about the poetry of Langston Hughes and James Weldon Johnson. He was hooked on poets and their splendid use of words about so many subjects. He smiled when he showed poems he wrote about Lena Horne, Eartha Kitt, Cicely Tyson, and Herschel Walker that have been autographed by them. He had a larger smile when he showed the poem that was written about him.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Interment

SEP 8. 9:30 AM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery
2025 Mount Carmel Church Lane
Canton, GA 30114-7670
<http://www.georgianationalcemetery.com>

Tribute Wall

HJ

“ *Mama has joined Daddy in rebirth and resurrection. Praise to the One we hold Sacred and Holy!*

Herbert Walter Denmark, Jr. - February 07, 2025 at 12:53 PM

JD

Yes! Praise God!

Janice Denmark - July 15, 2025 at 07:31 PM

GD

I missed the both of them so much as a child I always sat on the porch waiting for uncle Herbert and Aunt Delores to pull up in that big old long station wagon no more pain no more suffering job well done I will always carry you in my heart forever love and miss you all so much

Gladys Denmark - March 31 at 02:10 PM

PW

“ *Even though it has been a while since the passing of Herb Denmark, I feel like I need to share my memory of him. I met Herb (SFC Denmark at the time) when I was a soldier at Knox Army Airfield in 1972. He was assigned as the Tower Chief after the previous Chief was dismissed. I knew of him as the Chief at Hanchey Tower prior to that. I had become wary of the Army and my recent NCOs and I was ready to say good riddance to the military but when Herb came in he restored my confidence. Herb treated me with respect and gave me the responsibility I needed at that time. What a great example he set! He was the reason that I chose to stay in the Army as an Air Traffic Controller and eventually retire as the Sergeant Major of the Air Traffic Control Activity. I will always remember him as a great leader and a fantastic person!*

Paul Williams, SGM(R)

Paul Williams - January 28, 2022 at 10:27 PM

BJ

Thank you so much for your kind words about my Dad

Beverly J - February 01, 2024 at 04:06 AM

JD

Yes, thank you for your kind words. That was beautiful.

Janice Denmark - February 05, 2025 at 06:13 PM

BE

“ *It has almost been 2 years since you have been gone. I have been very sad the last few days. You went to the hospital on Aug 24, but you never came back. I know you are gone. I know I will see you in heaven. But I am hurting really bad right now. GOD is helping me. I love and miss you Dad*

Beverly - August 26, 2019 at 06:49 PM

BE

“ *Daddy
Your birthday was 3 days ago. You would have been 83. I miss you so much. It hurts more now than it did when you first left!!!! I love you very much. Moni and Kyle miss you too*

Bev - May 31, 2019 at 06:17 PM

VS

“ *To San and the Denmark family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I pray that in time the blessing of God's grace will soften the pain that you're feeling and bring your heart the peace and comfort that it needs to heal....*

Vee Sanders - September 07, 2017 at 07:31 PM

JD

Thank you so much

Janice Denmark - September 09, 2017 at 08:28 PM

JP

“ *Herbert Denmark was my good friend. I first met Herbert and Delores in 1974 through Clayton Little Theatre. Our enduring friendship continued for more than 40 years with Delores as cheerleader and Herbert as leader of many successful endeavors in Clayton County, and beyond. In Clayton County, Herbert and I worked together as officers of Pen & Pica Writers; as participants in literary, cultural and artistic events; as writers for local news media; and as officers and supporters of Arts Clayton, Inc. Most recently, Herbert was a supporter of The Front Porch Players of Jonesboro, Georgia, of which I am a charter member, founded in 2013.*

Herbert Denmark was a man of many talents, a credit to the uniform, a loving husband and family man, and a friend.

Herbert Denmark was my good friend and I shall miss communicating with him here on earth.

Jean Peacock, Morrow, GA

Jean Peacock - September 07, 2017 at 03:58 PM

JD

Thank you so much

Janice Denmark - September 09, 2017 at 08:28 PM

TS

“ *To Sandra Denmark and the entire Denmark Family, My prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God's love and peace give you comfort and strength.*

Tammy Smith - September 07, 2017 at 03:26 PM

JD

Thank you so much

Janice Denmark - September 09, 2017 at 08:28 PM

SD

“ My father was a MAN. A quiet soul that never made any excuses or shrunk from his responsibilities. He loved God, his family and his country. He is example of what a real man is, not by talk but by example to the end. I love him very much and even though my heart is broken i will see him again.

Sandra E. Denmark - September 07, 2017 at 01:16 PM

CB

“ My grandfather was a good man. He was there for me. I love him and I miss him.

Carlos Buggs - September 07, 2017 at 01:08 PM

JD

“ My grandfather was a good man. He was there for me. I love him and I miss him.

Janice denmark - September 07, 2017 at 01:07 PM

JD

“ My father was a good man a real soldier. He always conducted himself with grace and dignity to the end. He was a good father to me and a good grandfather to my son. I will love him forever and I miss him.

Janice denmark - September 07, 2017 at 01:04 PM

BE

“ I love you Dad. You were the best father. I will miss you so much!!

Beverly - September 07, 2017 at 07:08 AM

JD

Dad I will love you forever. You were a good father. A real soldier. I miss you.

Janice Denmark - September 07, 2017 at 08:08 AM

CB

I love you Grandpa. I miss you. You were a good grandfather to me.

Carlos Buggs - September 07, 2017 at 08:09 AM

SW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family in this time of deep sorrow. May God comfort your hearts and give you strength during the difficult days ahead. (2 Thessalonians 2:16,17)*

*Sincerely,
S. Whiting
Atlanta, GA*

Sharon Whiting - September 07, 2017 at 05:49 AM

JD

Thank you

Janice Denmark - September 07, 2017 at 01:11 PM