



## Albert Wayne Lea

January 20, 1929 - January 21, 2021

Albert Wayne Lea passed away on Thursday, January 21, 2021, he was born January 20, 1929 to Henry and Faye Steeves Lea at his grandparents home near Thayer, Kansas. He graduated Chanute High School in 1948 and married Nancy Benz on August 14, 1949 in Cherryvale, Kansas.

Wayne was a painter and paperhanger, learning from his father at the age of 14 and perfecting his skills over the next 50 years. He also worked for Sears & Roebuck Company, National Life and Mutual of Omaha Life Insurance Companies.

He led a life of service to the people and things that he loved. He was Scout Master to Boy Scout Troop 100 and established an Explorer Post in Chanute. He was a Sergeant in the Civil Air Guard, a member of the Elks, Lions Club, and an active member of the First Christian Church of Chanute.

Many will remember Wayne for his willingness to say yes when asked for help and his habit of offering help before anyone asked. He had a passion for Bird hunting, fishing and fast cars, the older the better.

He was devoted to his wife Nancy to whom he was married for 72 years. She survives at the home.

Other survives are:

Children: Larry (Debra) Lea of Eagle Rock, Missouri

Michael (Jackie) Lea of Costa Rica

John (Penny) Lea of Hollister, Missouri

Donna (Jack) Bradford of St. Augustine, Florida

Wayne was blessed with eight grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and three more on the way. He loved greatly and is loved deeply and will be missed every day.

Cremation has been requested with no services planned at this time.

Memorials have been suggested to: First Christian Church and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com) Services entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720

# Tribute Wall

LT

“ We are so sorry to hear of Wayne’s passing. We have such fond memories of him from First Christian Church, and when the Leas hung out with the Thompsons in their younger years. God Bless and you are in our prayers.

*Lisa and Dan Thompson*

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**Lisa Thompson** - January 29, 2021 at 07:51 PM

LC

“ I'm sorry to hear of Wayne's recent passing. He always had such a vibrant and upbeat quality about him and I have many fond memories of him and the Lea family. Many were lucky to have had him as a Scout Master, church member and community member in Chanute.

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**Larry Cook** - January 27, 2021 at 10:24 AM

GB

“ We are so sorry to hear that Wayne has passed on. What a talented and good man who so loved his family. Prayers and condolences to the family!

*Greg Bilyeu and Nancy Parrot*

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**Greg Bilyeu** - January 26, 2021 at 04:01 PM



JB

“ For many of my young years, my mother was busy caring for my father who was slowly dying of ALS. As my Scout leader, Wayne was one of a handful of men that served as a great role model. He was a wonderful loving man...may we grieve him well.

*John Bowes*

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**John G. Bowes** - January 26, 2021 at 02:20 PM

JW

“ We are so very sorry to hear that Wayne has passed. He was a very nice man and will be missed. Prayers are with Nancy and family!



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**Jerry and Judy Walters** - January 25, 2021 at 10:07 PM