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Dee Elvis Kimbell, a devoted father, decorated veteran, accomplished engineer, and proud Texan, passed away peacefully on July 31, 2025, in Chanute, Kansas, at the age of 87.

Born on March 23, 1938, in Canadian, Texas, Dee grew up in the small towns of Texas and Oklahoma before graduating from high school in Meade, Kansas, in 1956. He earned a degree in Civil Engineering from Kansas State University in 1961 and continued his education through postgraduate studies at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, the University of Washington, and Marquette University.

In 1958, Dee married Jean Painter. Together, they welcomed two sons, Kevin and Jeff, and raised their family in Kansas. Dee remained a dedicated father and later, a devoted grandfather throughout his life.

Dee began his professional career as a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Navy, serving actively from 1961 to 1964 and again from 1966 to 1969, including service in the Vietnam War. Rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander, he was awarded the Silver Medal in 1967 and named one of the

Outstanding Young Men of America in 1968.

Following his military service, Dee spent nearly three decades with the Kansas Department of Transportation, serving in roles across the state, including 22 years as District Engineer for District Four in Chanute. He retired in January 1999.

Outside of family and work, Dee was an avid outdoorsman who found great joy in hunting and fishing, especially during annual trips with his sons. Later in life, he developed a deep passion for genealogy, dedicating countless hours to building the Kimbell family tree. Throughout his life, Dee was also a loyal Kansas State University sports fan.

Dee is survived by his sister Lee Carbone, sons, Kevin Kimbell and Jeff Kimbell; daughters-in-law Susan Kimbell and Francesca Kimbell; grandchildren Will, Sofia, and Ella Kimbell; and his beloved granddogs, Sage and Mabel.

A visitation will be held at Countryside Funeral Home, Chanute, on August 23, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. All who knew him are welcome. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Gentiva Hospice.

Dee will be laid to rest in his birthplace of Canadian, Texas.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **23**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel
101 N. Highland
Chanute, KS 66720
(620) 431-1220

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Hello Jeff, I am Dennis Kimbell, a cousin of your dad. I am living in Arizona so was not in contact. I was sorry to hear of his passing. My wife Irene Kimbell was a facebook friend with your dad, as I am not on facebook much. You can get in touch with her if you like and I will respond. He also had cousins in Kansas. Carol Swartzfager, Wenona Wolke, Cheryl Hunter. Other cousins have passed on as well. Dennis, Kenneth, and Jim Kimbell.

Dennis Kimbell - December 03, 2025 at 08:38 PM

CH

“ Rip cousin you are truly missed.
Cheryl Kimbell Hunter

cheryl Hunter - December 03, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Countryside Funeral Home - August 19, 2025 at 08:58 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of
Dee Elvis Kimbell.



August 14, 2025 at 11:30 AM

JM

“ *Mr. Kimbell was such a good neighbor. He had an interesting life and I liked listening to his stories. He was so proud of his sons and their families. Condolences to his family and friends.*
Judy Moyer

Judy Moyer - August 07, 2025 at 11:48 AM

JA

“ *Condolences from Class mates class of 58. We were friends of The late Ed Wharff and his wife Susan. Sympathy to all the family.,(. We are from Milan Ohio.*

Jan - August 04, 2025 at 04:51 PM