

MAJ (Ret) John L. Hart

January 10, 1923 - February 15, 2007

Funeral for retired Maj. John L. Hart, 84, Lawton, will be at 10 am, Tuesday, in Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. Mr. Hart died Thursday, February 15, 2007, in a local hospital. Burial with military honors will be in Post Cemetery, Fort Sill.

He was born January 10, 1923, in Carrier Mills, Ill., to Dr. A.E. and Annie Hetherington Hart, MD. He graduated from Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree and earned a master's degree in 1948 from Drake University. He married Wanda Lee Wilkins on March 14, 1943, in Jackson, Mo. She died August 19, 2003 in Lawton. He served in the Marine Corps as a second lieutenant from 1942 to 1945, participating in the invasion and occupation of Okinawa. He was recalled by the Army in 1948, and retired in 1966. He served as an infantry commander with the 24th Infantry Division in the Korean Conflict and was involved in four major battles. He taught at Eisenhower Junior High School from 1967 until retiring in 1986. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America-Lawton Chapter 751.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Suzanne Hart, Columbia, Mo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca Ann and Phillip Curtis, Annandale, Va.; four grandchildren: Kirk Hart, Stephanie Hart, Travis Curtis and Sidney Curtis; and two great-grandchildren: Frannie Hart and Hannah Hart. He was preceded in death by his wife; a grandson, John Robert Hart; his parents; three sisters and a brother. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 4606 E. 67th Street, Bldg. 7, Suite 103, Tulsa, OK 74136, or the local Meals on Wheels, 908 SW Sheridan Rd., Lawton, OK 73501.

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