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A DECORATED OFFICER AND WORLD TRAVELLER

Herbert Towe was born on April 29, 1933 in Lynchburg, Missouri. As the oldest of three boys in Avril and Mina Towe's family, he grew in the role of a kind and caring mentor. After finishing high school, he immediately enlisted in the US army and embarked on an impressive 22-year career.

Herbert's progress in the military took him throughout Europe. His assignments in Germany and France were among his favorite locations. He was proud to have served in the Vietnam War performing the challenging tasks of a Radiology Specialist. He traveled across numerous military encampments providing diagnostic support services to the wounded in medical stations. Herb was honored with a Bronze Star in recognition of his contribution to US efforts in Vietnam.

AT HOME IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

In 1958, Herb's family visited the Pacific Northwest and loved the area so much they settled in Tacoma, Washington. From that point on in his life, Herb considered the area his home and became a much-loved and much-respected member of the community. Upon completion of his overseas military tours, Herb became a Non-Commissioned Officer at the Madigan military hospital in Lakewood, Washington. He thrived in his role as head of the Radiology department and thoroughly enjoyed his work there.

A MODEST PROPOSAL

Whenever he visited his mother in Tacoma, he would take her out to dine at the Moose Lodge. It was his favorite restaurant especially because of a favorite waitress. Patricia was happy to serve Herb and his very young-looking mother, but was initially not too responsive to Herb's attempts at flirting. It was only when Patty realized that Mina was Herb's mother – and not his wife as she had assumed – that their courtship took flight. In 1988, Herb observed that Patty needed medical insurance. "Let's get married," said Herb. "Okay" said Patty.



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After he retired from military service, Herb worked as a carpenter. He always enjoyed woodworking and had a real talent for crafting with his hands and building things. During his travels in Europe, he had come to appreciate fine furniture and rare antiques. He liked to source and collect hutches, glass work, painted eggs and beautiful European pieces. This passion led to Herb and Patty opening a 3,500 square foot antique store. They bought, sold and traded items with customers and with other family members in Texas who also traded in the antique market.

A VERY SPECIAL MAN

Over the years, Herb became involved with the Goodwill organization and lent his many skills and talents to the development of their chain of second-hand stores in the area. His kind, nurturing spirit was so appreciated by the many people he mentored and the many children he “adopted” over the years. He was always willing to take someone under his wing; to share his knowledge and help them out.

Herb was constantly on the go. He worked tirelessly in his garden to create a haven for the birds he so enjoyed watching. His immaculately landscaped yard featured many trees and bird feeders along with the beautiful arbor and triple pond he built. He loved his garden, his home and his family. Herb passed away on May 4, 2012 at the Madigan military hospital where he worked for much of his career. He will be fondly remembered by family and friends as a loving, caring, talented, kind, funny and very special man.



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Karen Mcgee shared an album called **New Album Name**.



June 16 at 3:57 AM



Karen Mcgee posted:

Happy Fathers Day Dad. Miss you, Your always in our (Reina & I) thoughts. Lov Karen

June 16 at 3:47 AM



Anonymous posted:

Patti & Family, We are so sorry to hear that Herbert passed away. We are glad to say we knew him. He was a good person and we will miss his Christmas letters every year. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Thank you for contacting us, it means alot.##imported-begin##Carl, Linda Holden, Retta Gideon and Rene Kingry##imported-end##

May 10 at 8:05 AM



Anonymous posted:

Karen, Crissy, Laura and Family... even though we did not have the privilege of meeting your Dad and Grandfather, we feel like we know him. Sounds like God needed another baseball player on His team! Remember the best of him lives on in you. Wishing you peace and comfort knowing he is not hurting anymore. We love you.##imported-begin##Judy, Bill and Kate##imported-end##

May 9 at 2:22 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am a neighbor of Herb's. I was so surprised to read of his untimely passing. When Herb was healthier and I would see him out in his yard working and caring for his beautiful yard and shrubbery, I would often stop by and chat with him and comment that he was the most active "one legged" man that I ever met. He did more work than any two normal men could ever accomplish. His obituary was spot on. Herb loved life and was a very decent man. God bless him, and his family. A.J. McGranaghan##imported-begin##A.J. MCGRANAGHAN##imported-end##

May 8 at 4:39 AM



Media

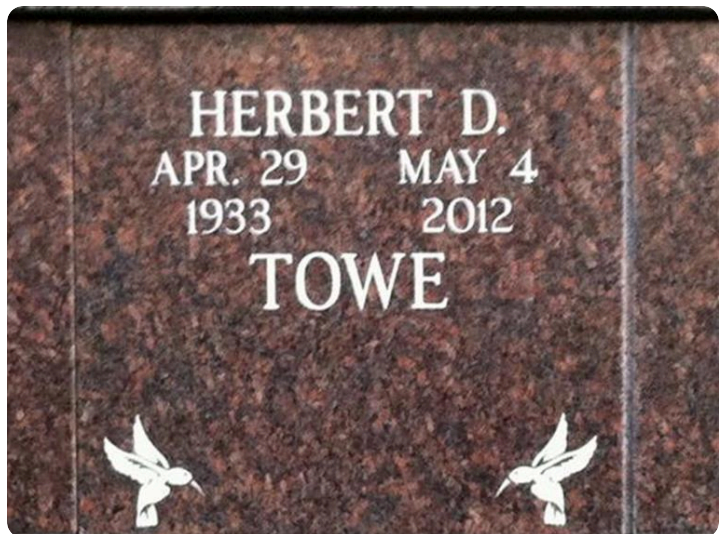
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Karen Mcgee shared 6 photos to the **New Album Name** album.

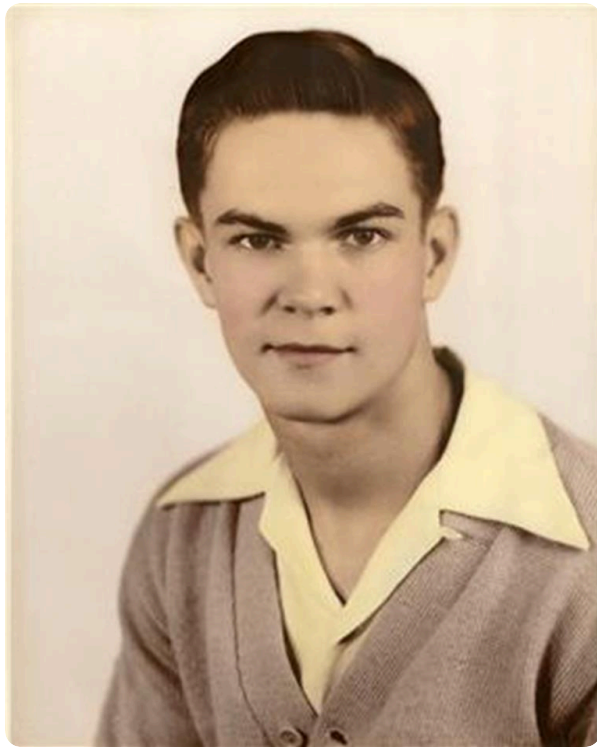
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