



**Charles
Edmonson**

Army

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Nov 7, 1927 - Apr 8, 2010

BIRTHPLACE: Herrington, Kansas

SOLDIER DETAILS

HIGHEST RANK: tec 5

DIVISION: Army

THEATER OF OPERATION: Pacific

SERVED: Jun 6, 1946 -

HONORED BY: The Eisenhower Foundation

BIOGRAPHY

Charles Dean Edmonson, son of James Vernon & Nora Austina (Jensen) Edmonson, was born November 7, 1927 in Herington, Kansas and passed away in Phillipsburg, Kansas on April 8, 2010 at the age of 82. Growing up in a large family (with three brothers and four sisters), Charles learned about hard work at an early age. He hunted and fished to supplement the family's meals, setting his lines before and after school, and also trapped for pelts to sell. He took on both a morning and evening paper route and provided himself with shoes and clothing. He worked for farmers around the area and loved it. Charles was a diligent and faithful employee and became friends with everyone he worked with. In June 1946, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served for thirteen months as an engineer in the Alaskan Aleutian Islands (Dutch Harbor). On December 9, 1951, Charles was united in marriage to Louise Roehrman at the First Christian Church in Herington, Kansas. The couple was blessed with seven children, five of whom were raised to adulthood. Charles & Louise lived in Herington, Kansas for their first three years and then moved to a family farm southeast of Herington. Charles farmed in the evenings and on weekends and held down a full-time job with Beech Aircraft for seventeen years, working at both the Delavan, Kansas and Salina, Kansas locations. He also worked a few months on the railroad and served as a Herington policeman for about six years. In 1949 Charles was baptized into the Herington First Christian Church. He and Louise attended regularly with their young and growing family. He served as a deacon, then as an elder of the church, along with being on the Board of Trustees for many years. Charles was a hard-working, devoted husband and father and a caring grandfather and great-grandfather.