Herbert Gordon Holcomb

The eldest son of Elva (McKeown) and Joseph L. Holcomb was born near Springdale, Arkansas, the town that history gives his g-g-grandfather, Rev. John Holcomb, the credit of being its founder. When asked about his relationship to Rev. John, Herbert enjoyed beginning by saying that he, and each of his direct Holcomb ancestors were the first sons. Then he would repeat: "I am Herbert, son of Joseph Latimer; Joseph Latimer, son of W. Herbert; W. Herbert, son of Joseph; Joseph, son of Rev. John." Then Herbert usually added, "And my son John Gordon carried on this first son tradition by naming his son Joseph Charles."

Herbert carried on many of the other Holcomb traditions. As an avocation, he bought, developed, and sold much real estate, similarly to Rev. John. Also, he was active in community affairs and committed to his church and to God all of his life.

Herbert's had a thirst for knowledge that led him to seek advanced education by enlisting for six years in the U. S. Navy immediately after graduating from Springdale High School. He later earned two bachelor degrees and a master's degree from the University of Arkansas. He shared his knowledge in various ways, including discussions with his fellow employees of Southwestern Electric Power Co. where he served as an electrical engineer for 25 years. Also, he taught for a few years in public schools, in the Springdale Post-secondary School, and in his church.

But, Herbert is best known for his love of people. He showered love and care on his wife, Henrietta, their three children--Jo, Margaret, and John--and their spouses and children. He enjoyed many happy times with grandparents, Emma (Klemme) and Stephen McKeown; his brothers, Bob and Dwight; his sisters, Joelva and Beverly; and their families.

Wherever Herbert went, he would stop and visit with people. He made friends with people from all parts of the world. He usually invited them to come to his home as many of them did. One of them, Ardy Sidhwa a native of Pakistan, became his "adopted" son. In return, Herbert was admired by all who knew him.
Remembering and Thanksgiving For the Life of
Herbert Gordon Holcomb
Saturday, April 24, 2004
Bluff Cemetery - Springdale, Arkansas - 1:30 p.m.

Purpose for Gathering
Eric Holt
Committing
Beverly J. Holcomb, Margie Ceola
Remembering: Faith
Henrietta Holcomb
Visioning: Hope
Jo Heiliger, Joseph Holcomb
Living: Love
Margaret Holcomb
Thanksgiving: Doxology
All Present

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Benediction
Eric Holt

Rev. John Holcomb and all of the first sons of the subsequent generations, except Joseph
Charles who is still living, now have headstones within sight of each other in Bluff Cemetery.

Shiloh Baptist Church (I.O.O.F. Lodge Building) - 2:00 p.m.

Hostesses
Carol Van Scyoc, Ellen Jones
Welcome
Eric Holt
Music
Jason, John, Robert, and Ryan
Visual Memories
Wayne Heiliger
Herbert's Favorite Hymn
The Fitzgerald Four
Stories
Anyone Present

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September 30, 1922 - October 28, 2003
Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

-Henry W. Longfellow