

Quentin Chavous, Oct. 21, 1930 – March 12, 2020



Quentin Chavous, beloved son to Jarret and Emily Chavous, devoted husband to A. Elvira Johnson Chavous, beloved father to Sidney Chavous Field and Mark Jarret Chavous, beloved brother, uncle, and cousin, passed away on the morning of March 12, 2020. He was 89 years old.

Quentin was born on Oct. 21, 1920 in Cleveland Ohio, but soon after his family moved on to Columbus, Ohio. He grew up with five siblings; older brother Jarret, older sister Jeanne, and younger sisters Barbara, Janis, and Leslie.

After high school, Quentin enlisted in the US Army and saw action in the Korean War as an Infantryman. He got an honorable discharge and soon used the GI Bill to enroll in Ohio State University, where he got his undergrad, Masters, and Doctorate degrees in romance languages with Spanish and Spanish History. Quentin married Elvira Johnson on July 17, 1959 and had two children, a daughter Sidney, and a son, Mark. He soon was hired to teach Spanish and Spanish history at Ohio State and remained there until 1962, when he was recruited by Smith College in Northampton, Mass. He remained there until 1967 when he was hired by Rutgers University. Finally, he accepted an offer from the University of Massachusetts at Boston, where he received tenure and in addition to his teaching he later became an administrator in the UMB athletic department, retiring in 2005. Quentin spent his remaining years enjoying time with family and close friends.

Quentin requested no funeral services. Donations in his name should be made to charities specializing in care for veterans