



## Richard M. Chubb M.D

October 21, 1929 - January 8, 2019

Richard M. Chubb, M.D., MPH passed away January 8, 2019 at his home with his wife by his side following an illness. He was born October 21, 1929 in Joplin, MO to Leonard and Nadine (Marshall) Chubb. He graduated from Baxter Springs High School as Valedictorian in 1947. After graduating high school, he attended Baker University in Baldwin, Kansas from 1947 to 1950 beginning his medical education. In 1950 he transferred to Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, Illinois. He received his Masters of Science in 1951 and earned his M.D. in 1954. Dr. Chubb began his rotating internship at Pasavant Memorial Hospital in Chicago from 1954 to 1955. He continued with his General Practice residency in Yankton, South Dakota at Sacred Heart Hospital and McVay Clinic from 1955 to 1956.

Dr. Chubb joined the United States Air Force in 1956, serving until 1969. During his time in the Air Force, he served at McChord Air Force Base in Washington, Randolph Air Force Base in Texas and Hamilton Air Force Base in California. He served in multiple capacities during his time at these Air Force Bases, including being part of the Flight Surgeon's Office and the General Medical Officer. He was a part of the nuclear weapons training in Nevada in 1957 while stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base. He entered his first year of Aviation Medicine residency at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and Hygiene in Baltimore, Maryland in 1958. He received his Masters in Public Health in 1959.

Dr. Chubb took training to become a flight surgeon at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas in a T-33 aircraft. He also attended courses in Brooks Air Base in Texas, including Advanced Course in Aviation Medicine; took field trips to Panama to study Jungle Survival; studied at the Nuclear Weapons Museum in Albuquerque, New Mexico and Vandenberg Air Force Base Missile Range and other missile production facilities in California. His third year of Aviation Medicine residency took him to Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. There, he monitored Joe Kittinger's 1960 balloon jump from 102,000 feet to test high altitude escape equipment for NASA. He also worked in command headquarters and at the flight surgeon's office at the base hospital.

From 1961 to 1963, Dr. Chubb worked at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology where he served as the consultant to the Civil Aeronautics Board as Flight Surgeon on the Human Factors committee. In this role, he investigated commercial airline accidents, assisted with over 500 autopsies of accident victims and wrote a paper on “The Medical Investigation of Aircraft Accidents”, which was published in The Journal of American Medical Association.

From 1963-1966, Dr. Chubb was Directorate of Aerospace Safety at Norton Air Force Base in California. He investigated unusual aircraft accidents and wrote papers on aerospace safety. He performed safety surveys in Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, Okinawa, Germany and the United States. He worked at NASA remote tracking stations as medical monitor of manned space flights. He is accredited with developing Air Force Form 711g used for medical reporting of Aerospace Accidents. This form is still in use today and earned him a commendation medal.

From 1966-1967, Dr. Chubb worked as the Director of Base Medical Services at Danang Air Base in Vietnam. There he built and operated the first modular medical facility in the Air Force, and used this to prepare the wounded for air evacuation and casualty staging. He flew 40 combat sorties as flight surgeon during his tour of duty in Vietnam. For his service, Dr. Chubb was awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service and numerous air medals.

Dr. Chubb completed his service in the Air Force at PACAF Headquarters at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii from 1967 to 1969. He was Chief of Preventative Medicine for the Pacific Air Forces. He retired from the Air Force in 1969, earning a rank of Lieutenant Colonel. During his time at Hickman, he developed improvements to flight ejection seats. In 1967, he was awarded the Harry G. Mosely Award, an international award given to one recipient annually by the Aerospace Medical Association to the person to have contributed the most to flight safety. He was the 7th recipient of this award.

Following his service, Dr. Chubb returned to Baxter Springs, KS where he opened his civilian practice. He also served two terms on the Blue Shield of Kansas Board, was a member of the School Board and worked on his father’s farm in his spare time. He worked as a family practice physician until 1990, delivering hundreds of babies at Baxter Memorial Hospital. In 1990, Dr. Chubb went on to serve as the Chief of General Practice Service at the Claremore Indian Hospital. He was Chief Advisor to the Diabetes Health Unit, presenting three papers to the Indian Health Service on the topic of Diabetes prevention and treatment by lifestyle changes.

Following his retirement in 1998, he and wife Johna returned to Chicopee, KS. He enjoyed

playing golf, singing and traveling with Our Lady of Lourdes Church Choir, and taking care of his yard.

Dr. Chubb is survived by his wife, Johna Chubb of the home; two sons, Jeff (Bev) Chubb of Independence, KS and Rick (Leslie) Chubb of Holly Springs, NC; and three daughters, Sally (Randy) Tibbits of Grove, OK, Laura (Rick) Atkinson of Baxter Springs, KS, Kathy (Wayne) Patton of Bella Vista, AR. He is also survived by ten grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and all of Johna's family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Polly Burcham, son Charles L. Chubb, grandson Greg Chubb, and great grandson Zachery Chubb.

A very special thank you to his very loving caregivers Alan, Bev, Renee, Teresa, Geraldine, Penny, and Becky.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00am Saturday January 12, 2019 at the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with Fr. Clay Kimbo as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Highland Park Cemetery in Pittsburg, KS. Family will receive friends from 6-7 pm Friday January 11, 2019 at the Bath-Naylor Funeral Home in Pittsburg, KS; friends may call after 12:00pm Friday.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks expressions of sympathy be in the form of memorials to the Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Fund. Friends may drop off or mail memorials to Bath-Naylor Funeral Home 522 S. Broadway Pittsburg, KS 66762. Condolences may be left at [www.bathnaylor.com](http://www.bathnaylor.com).

Arrangements and services are under the direction of Bath-Naylor Funeral Home of Pittsburg, KS.

# Cemetery

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**Highland Park Cemetery**  
2025 S Broadway St  
Pittsburg, KS, 66762-6216

# Events

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**JAN 11 Visitation 06:00PM**  
Bath-Naylor Funeral Home & Crematory - Pittsburg  
522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg, KS, US, 66762

**JAN 12 Mass of Christian Burial 10:00AM**  
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church  
109 E 9th St, Pittsburg, KS, US, 66762-4043

# Comments

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“ My name is Richard Lloyd John Markley born September 29th by Richard S. Chubb, whom I was named Richard after, when all the others attending my birth,gave up and quit, Dr. Chubb refused to do the same and continued fighting to give me the precious gift of life, I am forever indebted to Richard Chubb not because he was a Doctor, but a fighter who chose to fight for my life, so in turn I have that fighting spirit, and no matter what I PROMISE that I will continue that fight, until I have no fight left, to the family of that great man, I send my deepest heartfelt condolences, I only hope others are influenced, and his fight will not be in vain.

**Richard Markley** - Yesterday at 05:27 AM

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“ Dr. Chubb was an amazing person. I know Mom (Mary Lou Crofts) loved working for him. Hugs and prayers to Johna and family.

**Jo Ann Crofts Ellis** - January 15 at 12:50 PM

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“ Johna, Sally, Rikki-Tikki, and all -- I'm so, so sorry. As you know, I loved Dr. Chubb dearly. He was my doctor from the time I was an adolescent, and he delivered both my children. Through my father's illness and other hard times, my family never had to worry about receiving the very best medical care, and it was all sprinkled with funny stories that kept us relaxed and able to move forward positively. I hope that you find comfort in his many accomplishments and kind deeds. He has left a lasting legacy.

**Elaine Roberson Potts Stuart** - January 11 at 12:45 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss! Our hearts and prayers are with you Johna, and the family! May the Peace that passes all understanding be with you and yours! In His Love, Hoyt and Debby Johnson



**Debby Johnson** - January 11 at 11:46 AM

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“ I remember my husband, Earney, sharing funny stories of the medical technics of this military doctor. He was so kind & knew about everything but was a little rough around the edges so to speak! Cared so much for his patients & was always available for them! Great man! RIP!  
Royce Donaldson

Royce Donaldson - January 11 at 08:49 AM



“ Dr Chubb was a brilliant Dr.he was funny and onery..but he saved my little girl Aireanne Brenna....he was so smart and he taught u to have confidence as a nurse and he let us practice cpr on real pts that had expired so we could feel what he was teaching us about...i loved Dr Chubb.he was good to my daddy and I'm sure they are catching up....i will always always think about the many days at Baxter Hospital these were good days...no better Dr.have i ever had the privilege to work with...he was the best...my heart is sad..but I'll see him again inm sure of this....Nancy Webb and him are there with so many other great people...i love u Dr Chubb...thanks for not letting my baby girl die....i will never forget u...u gained ur wings....now fly high u earned them...your funeral was a great tribute to u.i wish I could have told countless stories of ur humor and of your knowledge..u were so smart so many many times....and saved so many many people.....its not goodbye it's just "Later"....ps...tell my daddy i love him....

Leighann - January 15 at 03:03 PM



“ Dr. Chubb was not only our family physician but like part of our family. The day my dad's dad passed I remember them saying he cried just like it was his own dad. I also remember when I was about two or three of course amoxicillian tasted like bubble gum which I thought was great and drank about three fourths of the bottle. After parent's rushed me to Baxter Memorial ER and had been contacted, he told me if there ever was a next time that if momma didn't spank me he would. I was always and forever will be "little George" as he said I was a lot like my grandpa gourley and dad. He will be missed.

Marla Gourley - January 11 at 07:18 AM



“ Dr. Chubb was my favorite doctor of all time. He delivered all three of my children. I have thought of him often. He gave you that personal touch that he was there for you. I could call him and his office for any question I may have.I knew I could depend on his care for me and my children.  
My thoughts & prayers are with you all.  
Glenna Wells

Glenna Wells - January 10 at 11:41 PM



“ He delivered my son in March 1989. I really liked him he was a good doctor RIP DR CHUBB prayers to his family!

**Laurie Anderson** - January 11 at 09:31 AM

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“ I worked with Dr Chubb at Baxter Memorial Hospital for a few years and always admired his great knowledge of so many things. Soar with the angels Doc you have earned your wings!

**Mary Brumback** - January 10 at 10:09 PM

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“ My memories are many over so many years. Starting with working to clean his office in high school, doing yard work watering all those little trees he planted, long hours on the farm, and finally working in the hospital with him at Baxter hospital. He was a great comfort to our family when my father passed I will cherish our last conversation in the Lab waiting room here in Miami. It was a privilege and a distinct honor to have known and worked with him. God Bless

**Kevin Freeman** - January 10 at 08:49 PM



“ Dr. Chubb was my childhood doctor in Baxter. Great man and what a tremendous service he provided to the community of southeast Kansas! Thank u for your service to our country and to our community of Baxter!

**michelle grimes** - January 11 at 01:09 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard M. Chubb M.D.



January 10 at 02:43 PM

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“ Randants, Fuchs, and Bagnells purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Richard M. Chubb M.D.



**Randants, Fuchs, and Bagnells** - January 10 at 01:57 PM

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“ Your co-workers at TESARO purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Richard M. Chubb M.D.



**Your co-workers at TESARO** - January 09 at 03:43 PM