



## Kent G. Washburn

March 12, 1943 - April 7, 2017

SAN ANTONIO, TX—Major Kent G. Washburn, (Ret.), 74, of San Antonio, Tex., passed away at the Scott & White Medical Center in Temple, Tex., on Friday, April 7, 2017, from complications of injuries received in an automobile accident.

He was born in West Stewartstown, NH, on March 12, 1943, a son to William and Arlene (Hann) Washburn. He was raised in Pittsburg and graduated from Pittsburg High School in the Class of 1961.

From 1961-64, Kent attended the University of Alaska at Fairbanks and later graduated from the University of Oregon in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He then entered the U.S. Army and served for more than 20 years as an officer in the Medical Service Corps. Kent was especially proud of being the Distinguished Honor Graduate of his Army Medical Department Officer Advanced Course. During his Army career, he served an extended tour of duty in Vietnam plus two combat tours in Korea. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and numerous other foreign service awards.

Following his military career, Kent obtained a Master's degree in education from Johns Hopkins University in Maryland, a Master's degree in hospital administration from Baylor University in Texas, and a Master's degree in military science from the Army's Command and General Staff College in Leavenworth, Kansas. In 1978, he was initiated into the Sigma Iota Epsilon Honorary Management Fraternity.

Upon his retirement from the medical field in 1986, he assumed a full career as an antique dealer specializing in American glass work. In 1994, Kent authored and published "The Price Survey," a price guide for elegant and Depression glass. He was a board member of the National Depression Glass Association for 8 years before serving as its president from 1998-2010. During his presidency, he started the National Glass Collection and initiated the drive for a Glass Museum,

Mr. Washburn leaves behind his son, Mr. Michael Morris and wife Lisa of Bella Vista, Ark. and their four children, Dominique Nyce, Levi Kent Morris, Matthew Morris and Logan Morris; two brothers, Brent Washburn and wife Marybeth of Concord, NH, and their two daughters, Sarah and Sandra Washburn, and Larry Shields of Gilmanton, NH, and sons, Christopher and Patrick Shields; his niece, Sarah Russo and husband Alton of Gorham, Me.

There are no public calling hours. A graveside service with military honors will be held later in the spring at the Indian Stream Cemetery in Pittsburg, NH, of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Major Washburn may be made to the Kent G. Washburn Endowment Fund, c/o the National Depression Glass Association, P.O. Box 8264, Wichita, KS 67208; or to the Arlene Hann Washburn Shields Book Award Fund, c/o the Pittsburg School, 12 School Street, Pittsburg, NH 03592.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

# Cemetery Details

## Indian Stream Cemetery

Tabor Road  
Pittsburg, NH

# Tribute Wall

RO

“ I've known Kent Washburn for over 30 years. Met Kent as a young adults working as a temp at one of his shows and ended up helping with shows through out the years. I looked up his obituary to confirm my suspension and was saddened to hear the bad news.

Robert - October 31, 2025 at 10:55 PM

SC

“ My parents, who have both passed, were friends with Mr. Washburn. They would always go to his shows, and spoke very highly of him. I was looking him up to call him, when I found his obituary. My sincere condolences to his family and friends..

Stephanie Castillo - July 05, 2017 at 07:48 PM

RO

Same,just tried looking him up after I haven't heard from in a while. Traveled on the road with home several years. Sad to hear about his passing,especially from an automobile accident. He'll be missed!!!

Robert - October 31, 2025 at 07:48 PM

RT

“ I was one of Kent's show dealers since Sept 2010 and have fond memories of setting up at his glass shows and attending the pre-show work parties at his house. Kent was the kind of person who would willingly share his vast knowledge of glass with anyone who needed a little extra help. Kent I know you are up there looking down on us from that big glass museum in the sky and smiling. Kent you will be truly missed. RIP my friend.....

Rick Trevino - June 13, 2017 at 12:20 AM

RA

“ We were shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Kent's death. We are antique dealers and have known Kent for many years, working with him in many different venues. Kent was, indeed, one of a kind. One of our specialties is vintage Native American jewelry, and Kent shopped with us for years, always buying the best for family members and making a game of it - always ending with a purchase and an invitation to have dinner with him at a local restaurant. Kent was a great friend - when I was diagnosed with Leukemia last fall, Kent was on the phone to us every few days - checking in, offering words of encouragement, and making sure that we knew he cared.

We will miss Kent so much, and send our prayers and condolences to his family.

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**Robert and Jonna Austin** - May 21, 2017 at 08:04 AM

CG

“ I am so sorry for your loss and mine. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about him every time I pick up a piece of glass or see a piece of glass I think I should call Kent. If only I could. Again I'm so sorry for your loss. A friend of his C J Ghan

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**c j ghan** - May 20, 2017 at 10:27 PM

DH

“ I just heard about Kent. I met Kent many years ago in Round Top, Texas, about 20 years ago. We shared a love for beautiful glass and he advised me on pieces for my collection. Over the years, I saw him at different shows and he always invited me to sit and chat awhile. I just saw him at the last Round Top show and my heart is saddened by the loss of such a wonderful man. He was so knowledgeable about glass and he shared that knowledge with everyone he met. Kent had many friends I am sure and we will all miss him very much. My hugs go out to all his family. I'll never forget Kent. I have several pieces of his beautiful glass in my home and I'll remember him when I look at them. I am honored to be his friend.

*Debra Hall, Dallas, TX*

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**Debra Hall** - May 02, 2017 at 12:20 PM

SW

“ I was very saddened to hear of Kent's passing. I had not seen him in many years. When I received his obituary, I was so glad to hear that he was involved for so many years with depression glass! It is one of my favorite places to visit in Sandwich, MA. (Sandwich Glass museum) What a wonderful and fulfilling life he had. I am sure that his family will miss him greatly as well as his many friends. My condolences to you and may your memories always keep him gentle in your thoughts.

*Suzanne A. Washburn  
Taunton, MA*

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**Suzanne A. Washburn** - April 19, 2017 at 08:17 AM

RA

“ I did not know Kent well but have some of his beautiful glass displayed in my home -  
He was always pleasant to deal with - so kind and knowledgeable - I know many people will miss him terribly - my prayers to his friends and family -  
Renee Allen

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Renee Allen - April 15, 2017 at 01:52 PM

CM

“ Kent became a treasured friend through our love for Depression Glass. We met in the 1990's during the New Orleans Show, and for the past four years he stayed with us during the Crescent City Depression Glass Society Annual Show and Sale. He was a wealth of advice and assistance, and openly shared his vast knowledge of glass. My favorite memory is the glass show he produced in San Antonio about five years ago. He asked Vicki Hale and me to come out to help him, but we got the dates wrong. He called us the day before the show opened and asked where we were. When we said we were leaving the following week, he said, "The show opens tomorrow!" We jumped in the van and took off and got there in record time. He was waiting for us at the door of the exhibit hall and immediately put us to work. He was one of a kind - so generous and spontaneous. I will miss his calls from all over the country, just to visit and catch up. I treasure the beautiful glass he selected for me through the years. A good man, a good friend, a patriot, and a fellow New Englander. He was one of a kind. Carole Martinez.

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Carole Martinez - April 15, 2017 at 12:07 AM

DA

“ My Mother, Lillian Russell-Howell, thought the world of Kent. Of course, knowing him because of depression glass. He had been to her house numerous times in the past years, and he would spend the night. She is heart broken by this news.. His brother called her the other day. Please, know she is sending her heartfelt condolences to everyone who loved him.

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**Darlene** - April 13, 2017 at 08:14 AM

LC

“ Kent, my cousin my friend, I will miss you. I am so glad that we were able to get together last year for our 55th class reunion. I let all of our classmates know the terrible news. Rest in peace



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**Linda Clogston** - April 12, 2017 at 05:08 AM

LG

“ We were so sorry to hear about Kent. He was a wonderful, kind individual whom we met through the antique business. It was always a pleasure to talk to him. He was very knowledgeable when it came to elegant and depression glassware and was never hesitant to share his knowledge with everyone. Our deepest sympathy to all of his family and friends. You are in our prayers.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Graf

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**Lynn A Graf** - April 11, 2017 at 10:02 PM

AG

“ So sorry to hear of your family's loss. We always enjoyed seeing Kent when he was in the area. He would always stop at Donna and Tubby's to catch up on the news. You are in our prayers.

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**Ann Gray** - April 11, 2017 at 03:56 PM