



David Edward Branch

September 11, 1927 - May 29, 2018

David (Dave) Edward Branch Jr. 90, passed away suddenly, following an automobile accident in Prescott, Arizona on May 29, 2018. He was born in Los Angeles, California on September 11, 1927 to Emma (Gandy) and David E. Branch Sr. Dave was raised in Arizona and moved frequently, due to the nature of his father's career with Arizona Edison. The family eventually ended up in Yuma, Arizona, where he graduated from Yuma High School. Dave served in General Douglas MacArthur's Honor Guard in Japan and later served in a US Army artillery battalion during the Korean War. He was a long time member of the General MacArthur Honor Guard Association. Dave studied engineering at the University of Arizona, where he met Virginia (Ginny) Noland. In 1949 they were married in Dallas, Texas. Soon after their marriage, they moved back to Arizona to resume attendance at the University of Arizona. He and Ginny had three children: Lynne, Sue and John and the family settled in Long Beach, California. Although Dave often worked long hours, he treasured time with his family. His children always knew they were loved and that family was his first priority. Dave had a lengthy career with Sully-Miller Contracting Company in Southern

California and held positions of estimator, division manager and Vice President. He later became President of South Coast Asphalt Products and Regional Vice President of Beazer PLC, relocating to Valley Center, California. After retiring in 1989, Dave continued working as a consultant. He and Ginny moved back to Arizona in 1993, settling in Prescott and built a lovely home in Forest Trails. His loving wife, Ginny, passed away July 7, 2015. Dave was known for his patience, thoughtfulness, ability to listen and a keen sense of humor. He was a Christian, a loving husband, devoted father and grandfather, as well as a faithful friend. Dave served as an Elder many years at Grandview Church in Valley Center, California. His interests included photography, gardening, traveling, hunting, camping, fishing, and taking nature walks. In later years, he enjoyed card games, fitness classes and Bingo with his friends. Dave was also a member of the Rotary and Willow Hills Baptist Church in Prescott. Dave is survived by his three children : Lynne Hainley (Steve), Sue Dickinson (Bob), John Branch (Lisa); seven grandchildren: Stephen Hainley, John Hainley, Daniel Hainley, Deonna Gammage (Robert), Russell Dickinson (Valerie), David Branch (Meredith) and Jordan Branch; as well as five great grandchildren and one greatgreat grandchild, one brother, James Branch, and several nieces, cousins and close friends. Dave will be remembered for his sense of humor, as well as his love for family and friends. His family rejoices that one day they will see him again in Heaven. A Celebration of Life service will be held at Willow Hills Baptist Church in Prescott, Arizona on Saturday,

June 30, 2018 at 1:00 pm, followed by light refreshments. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in

Dave Branch's name to: Good Samaritan Medical Dental Ministry, 4343 Market Street, Suite D, Riverside, California 92501, or online at: www.gsmdm.org/donate.

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“*Dave Branch (our daughter's father in law) and I (his son's father in law) often would reminisce about our experiences in the Korean War (1950-1953), Dave in Army Artillery, I in the Air Force. At that time the free world was being salami-sliced, a little-at-a-time, by totalitarians. But in Korea, free men arrived, armed, determined to forestall disaster.*

Dave and I would shake our heads in wonder to have survived that time, thankful to have come back, yet saddened, remembering the good men we had to leave behind-- and then we'd look around the living room or dining table, thankful-- for our families, and for their safety, and to be living in our wonderful, freedom-loving, blessed-by-God nation-- and also thankful for our founders and for countless civilian and military people in so many places who have willingly sacrificed to preserve freedom-- or win freedom.

*Dave, we remember you with much love. May God bless you. -
Richard Myers*

Richard Myers - June 29, 2018 at 11:06 PM