



Earl Melvin Richwine

October 20, 1922 - June 10, 2014

Earl M. Richwine was born October 20, 1922 in Prescott, Arizona, a third generation Prescottonian and was Promoted to Glory June 2014 from the VA Medical Center in Prescott.

Earl served his country in the United States Army from 1944 to 1945. He was assigned to the 77th infantry division in the Philippines and Ryukyu Island. After being wounded on Okinawa, Earl received three Purple Hearts. Upon returning home to Prescott he operated the Prescott Laundry and diaper service for over 50 years. He was affectionately known by numerous families as the “diaper man”.

In 1952 Earl married the love of his life Alma Bullion. Alma preceded him in death in 1979. Earl served as both mother and father to his children. His children believed he was the best Mom and Dad anyone could ever have. Earl was a lifelong member of The Salvation Army, and held the highest lay rank of Corps Sergeant Major for over 40 years. He was also the Band Master and Youth Sargent Major. Earl played in the brass band until after his 91st birthday. Earl loved serving his Lord in all ways, but his true love was working with the youth. Earl taught countless young people to play brass instruments and led many to Christ.

Earl also volunteered his time at the VA hospital as the Cookie Man on the fourth Sunday of the month for over 30 years.

Earl is survived by his two children Leah Richwine (Jeff Gavroy) and Arthur Richwine. He is also survived by his beloved cats Mr. Friendly and Stormy.

Earl will be remembered as the Laundry Man, Cookie Man, YPSM Man, CSM Man, Band Master Man, Man of God, loving, gentle and thinking of others before himself.

Viewing will be at the Hampton Funeral Home 240 S. Cortez St, Friday, June 20, 2014 from 6-8 P.M. Memorial Services will be held at the Salvation Army 237 S. Montezuma, Saturday June 21, 2014 at 11 A.M.

In lieu of flowers the family asks donations be made to the Prescott VA Medical Center Hospice unit or to The Prescott Salvation Army.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Leah and Arthur; It was such a blessing to see you grow up and the interaction with Earl was so nice to see. I will always look back and thank God for allowing me to have a small part in all of your lives. We will all treasure his memory . Gary Chase (the mailman).*

Gary Chase - June 21, 2014 at 10:14 AM

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“ *Jeff and Leah: I'm so sorry for your loss! I will always remember sitting on his front porch just shooting the breeze and listening to his stories about serving in the Pacific. I'm glad I got to see him one last time. Thanks for calling. John Heisley*

John Heisley - June 18, 2014 at 10:53 PM