



## Eugene "Gene" Higgins

November 22, 1927 - June 11, 2014

Eugene "Gene" Higgins, 86, born in Prescott, AZ on November 22, 1927 passed away peacefully with his family by his side on June 11, 2014.

A true Prescottonian; Gene loved his hometown and took pride in graduating from PHS, raising his family here, enjoyed a career in machining, and during his retirement spending his time outdoors and with those he loved. He took great pride in his country and his service in the Navy.

He enjoyed tinkering- there was nothing he couldn't fix or repurpose. He delighted in gardening and sharing his bountiful crops. Most of all, he loved his family and lived his life in the most honorable way, leaving a legacy of love and knowledge.

He had a truly generous spirit and those who had the privilege of knowing him, loving him and learning from him will miss Gene deeply.

He was preceded in death by his true love, Jean Louise (Neff) Higgins, in 1982.

He is survived by sons Don Higgins (Katie Baird) and Steve Higgins (Julie); four grandchildren: Marie, Casey (Skyla), Riley and Rae Higgins; five great grandchildren: Tessa, Aiden, Layla, Payton and Hadley; three bonus grandchildren: Andrew (Brittany), Eamon and Dillon Baird; one bonus great grandchild, Noe and many extended family members and dear friends.

Private family services will be held. A public memorial will be held at the VA Cemetery at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Prescott High School

Athletics Program c/o P.U.S.D. at 146 S Granite St. Prescott, AZ 86303 or  
Prescott Little League Association 1042 Willow Creek Rd #169 Prescott, AZ  
86301.

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Gene was my Father Bill Gill's 1st cousin. I only had the pleasure of meeting him twice but he was very generous and caring about his family. I would love to be notified of a time and place of the memorial service for him and to meet the rest of his family.  
Sandy (Gill) Hershey @602-568-0113

Sandy Hershey - June 18, 2014 at 04:27 PM

MH

Sandy, The memorial service is scheduled for Monday 7/28 at 10:00am at the VA Military Cemetery located at 500 N Hwy 89 in Prescott. His ashes, with those of Jean Louise, will be placed in their memorial wall along the west side of the cemetery.

Marie Higgins - July 06, 2014 at 09:04 PM

SH

Thank you for the information and will see you then. Sandy

Sandy Hershey - July 16, 2014 at 10:57 AM

DK

“ Gene worked for my father and was a true friend to our family. He was always so kind and a true gentleman. He was the first person to arrive at my father's funeral last year and he spent time reminiscing with mother about their long friendship. We will always remember his kindness and humor. We will miss him, Debbie Franklin Keenan and Ann Franklin.

Debra Keenan - June 15, 2014 at 02:04 PM

KB

“ I considered Gene to be a friend of mine although I only saw him when I was visiting Steve and Julie and their kids, Riley and Rae. He was one of the greatest generation whose numbers are quickly dying. Although Gene spoke softly he was truly a man of deep beliefs and strong convictions. He always spoke lovingly of his family in our correspondence at Christmas and never forgot to ask about my mother, Marian Raque, living in Kentucky who he had met at family weddings. He loved Prescott as was evidenced by his never leaving the area or even entertaining the idea. Precott has lost a true hero and I only hope that his grandchildren and great grandchildren will keep his memory in their hearts even now and know that he will continue to look down on their lives and they can still call on Granpa Gene for "help". May God bless your family.

*Kathy Raque Bishop ( Dallas Texas)*

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**Kathy Bishop** - June 15, 2014 at 09:20 AM

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“ Mark Martinez lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" Higgins



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**mark martinez** - June 14, 2014 at 12:44 PM

Jackie-Lee Israel

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**Jackie-Lee Israel** - June 14, 2014 at 12:15 PM