



Gerald Sylvester Kimmet

May 28, 1933 - July 22, 2022

Gerald Sylvester Kimmet, 89, of Prescott, Arizona was peacefully called home to the Lord on July 22, 2022. He was born on May 28, 1933 in Tiffin, Ohio to Ralph S. and Rose M. (Burns) Kimmet. Gerald graduated from St. Wendelin High School, Fostoria, Ohio in 1951. He served as a Corporal in the United States Army, 8th Golden Arrow Division, from May, 1953 to May, 1955. Gerald married Marilyn J. Molnar on August 25, 1956 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Gibsonburg, Ohio with Gerald's uncle, Rev. Alvin H. Burns, CPPS, officiating, and they enjoyed nearly 66 years together.

Gerald started his own company, Kimmet's Electric Co. in Ottawa, Ohio in 1959, which he owned and operated for over 50 years, specializing first in home electrical appliances, then in both residential and commercial electrical contracting. Gerald was a volunteer fireman with the village of Ottawa Fire Department and a Special Deputy Sheriff with the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. In 1975, Gerald moved his family from Ohio to Prescott, Arizona where he continued Kimmet's Electric Co. until he retired in 2009. From 1997 to 2010, Gerald worked part-time at Home Depot, in the electrical dept. and also the Pro-Desk, in Prescott and Prescott Valley.

Gerald joined the Yavapai County Sheriff's Jeep Posse, a volunteer search and rescue organization, in 1978. He was elected as the Captain in 1982, 1991, 1993 and 1994, and was the Treasurer for over 19 years. He was

instrumental in the construction of the Jeep Posse Meeting Hall and Training Center, located in Pioneer Park, Prescott. For over 20 years, Gerald was in charge of several additions and revisions to the Training Center. During the 1990s, he was a licensed EMT with the state of Arizona, which aided in his search and rescue duties. His favorite activity was organizing the safety checkpoints and route layouts for the Gheral Brownlow Man Against Horse Race held annually on Mingus Mountain. Gerald retired from the Jeep Posse in 2018, after 40 years of specialized and dedicated volunteer service. He was recently recognized by the Yavapai County Sheriff's Department for this accomplishment.

While living in Prescott, Gerald and Marilyn were members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and St. Germaine Catholic Church, Prescott Valley. Gerald was a life-member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Mile-Hi Kiwanis Club (serving as President from 1982-83) and elected to serve on the Yavapai Regional Medical Center (YRMC) Hospital Board during the 1980s.

Gerald enjoyed the outdoors, hiking, boating, geocaching and was an expert tracker. He liked reading, studying the family history and woodworking projects in his shop. In 2019, Gerald was privileged to travel on the Arizona Honor Flight, which flies veterans from the WWII and Korean War eras to Washington, DC to view numerous military monuments in and around our nation's capital. He was accompanied by his two sons, Joel and Jim, and thoroughly appreciated the experience.

Surviving family are his wife, Marilyn; two sons, Joel (Liliana) Kimmet, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and James (Christina) Kimmet, Tucson; a daughter Kathy (Todd) Wallner, Paulden; six grandchildren, Holly (Daniel) Baronsky, Prescott, Heidi (Christopher) Owens, Prescott Valley, Nicholas (Shelby) Penrod, Mesa, Jacqueline (Gary) Brainard, Tucson, Crystal Kimmet, Tucson, and Denim Wallner, Paulden; eight great-grandchildren, Anastasia, Isabella, Cooper and

Lucas Baronsky, Sophia, Scarlett and Adelynn Owens, and Leo Penrod; and many nieces and nephews residing in Arizona, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin. He was preceded in passing by his parents, two brothers, Ralph and Richard Kimmet, and a sister, Mary Catherine Kimmet, all of Ohio.

A funeral Mass will be held at St. Germaine Catholic Church, Prescott Valley, on Friday, August 19, 2022, at 10:00 am, preceded by a rosary service at 9:30 am, and immediately followed by a reception at the church hall. Interment with military honors will be 2:00 pm at Prescott National Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hampton Funeral Home. Please visit www.hamptonfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook and share a memory with the family. The family asks that memorial donations be made to the Yavapai County Jeep Posse. Visit www.ycjp.org to make a donation in Gerald's name for the Jeep Posse Training Center.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 19. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

St. Germaine Catholic Church
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Internment

AUG 19. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (MT)

Prescott National Cemetery

Tribute Wall

DE

“ *me and my grandpa would take some gram crackers and frosting and eat it together.* □

denim - April 10, 2025 at 10:11 AM

RS

“ *My deepest condolences to Marilyn and to Gerald's entire family! Gerald was a wonderful, soft-spoken man who always made time to speak to those who crossed his way! I was fortunate to work with Gerald at Home Depot in Prescott, over at the contractor desk! At one point, we discussed investments and I recommended that he get into Home Depot stock purchase plan! Ever since then, he would make a point of thanking me for the recommendation, noting that it was doing very well! It was always a pleasure to speak with Gerald, and he will be deeply missed!*
Bob Scaboo

Robert Scaboo - August 11, 2022 at 06:30 PM

SB

“ I'm sad to see that Jerry has passed and I send sincere condolences to his family.

Many of my nurse colleagues and I got to know Jerry when he worked with the Jeep Posse. I was a nurse at YRMC and when snow storms prevented nurses from getting to work, the posse would come to our homes and take us in. Several times Jerry was able to get me to work when I worked the night shift. We would pick up other night shift nurses along the way. In the morning, he'd bring day shift nurses in and wait for the night shift staff to get off duty so he could take us home. He was a good and kind man.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Beneitone

Stephanie Beneitone - August 10, 2022 at 06:26 PM

BF

“ I'm very sad to see the posting of Jerry's passing. He was a wonderful person whom I did electrical work for me and later assisted at Home Depot. I also remember his work for the Sheriff's Office when I was a County Supervisor.

I am out of state and won't be able to attend the funeral but want his family to know how important he was to our community.

Bill Feldmeier

Bill Feldmeier - August 08, 2022 at 12:26 AM