



## Robert Eugene Gene Harries

October 29, 1925 - March 9, 2014

Robert Eugene (Gene) Harries peacefully passed away two days after their 70th wedding anniversary with his devoted wife Betty Harries at his side. Gene was the youngest son of Hammond and Grace Harries born on October 29, 1925 in Bloomington, Nebraska. He is predeceased by his three siblings Ester Gage, Leroy Harries and Velda Bevel. Genes family moved to Eugene, Oregon where he graduated from Eugene High School in 1943 and met the love of his life Betty Jean Drew of Harrisburg, Oregon and married her March 7, 1944 while on leave from the US Navy. Betty welcomed their daughter Jeanette on July 6, 1945 and Gene met her six weeks later at the end of World War II. They welcomed their second daughter Donna on April 7, 1949. They raised their daughters in Harrisburg until Genes health required a move to Eugene where he worked for the Railroad until 1959 when he moved to the US Postal Service as a clerk until his retirement in 1986. Gene and Betty were active members of the Eugene First Christian Church, Bethel Christian Church, and Irving Christian Church, where he baptized his first grandson. After retirement they moved to their property on Plainview in Bend where they enjoyed many years and family gatherings before selling in 2008 and moving closer to Bend, and then Redmond. Gene enjoyed his roses, gardening, fishing, camping, bee keeping, hunting, singing in the church choirs, and playing his trumpet, but most of all his FAMILY. Gene is survived by his wife Betty Harries of Redmond, his two daughters Jeanette Peters of Springfield, Donna Koplau (Bob) of Sandy, seven grandchildren, sixteen great

grandchildren, and four great great grandchildren. His home was always open for any of his family to live or visit. Gene was always patriotic and proud to have been a sailor. His last farewell was a final salute to a fellow service man on his entrance into Redmond Care Center five days before his passing. In lieu of flowers please fly a fag, open a door for a vet, thank a vet, or donate to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517 Topeka, KS 66675 or online at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org). A funeral service will be held Friday March 14, 2014 at 12:00 PM at Redmond Memorial Chapel with a private burial at Willamette National Cemetery on Monday March 17, 2014.

Funeral Home:

Redmond Memorial Chapel

717 SW 6th Street

Redmond, OR

US 97756

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ *My Dear Betty, Realizing how difficult losing Gene must be for you, it is not easy to find words to adequately express my personal Gene feelings. How I enjoyed seeing you 2 @ the Stone Lodge Sing Alongs & Gene in His full Navy uniform on Patriotic Holidays. Miss Him, of course, but Im certain that somewhere nearby He is singing No Sad Songs For Me. Please stop by & see us when you can- With Love from- Your Friend Always Shirley @ Stone Lodge THE FLAG IS FLYING ON MY DOOR!*

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**Shirley Ruof** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *Betty, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.. Evelyn*

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**Evelyn Huuki** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Aunt Betty, Uncle Gene and you have meant a great deal to over the years. I have foggy memories of my early childhood. Some were scary and worrying for a toddler. Others were safe and loved. These are the ones I have of Uncle Gene, you, and my grandma Grace. I know that I have done a very poor job of staying in touch. I have done a poor job even within my sisters and bothers, of which I am trying to rectify. I would love it if we could stay more in touch also. Family is very important, all family, to me. Please know that I am very saddened by your lose and mine of Uncle Gene. But I have the asurance that I will see him again in heaven. Not something I am too sure of with mom, and pretty sure will not be with Debbie. That saddens me even more. Dan and I will be bring Dad over for the funneral so we will see you soon. Your loving niece, Judy*

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**Judy Bevel Becker** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Betty, we are thankful that we were able to see you and Gene a few times over the past several years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Take care. Delbert & Julia Langdon

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**Delbert & Julia Langdon** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Hello Betty. I was so sorry when I heard about Gene. He was such a fine man.. I know you and he had a very good marriage and such a nice family. It's good you have so many grand and great and great great grandkids.. My My how proud you must be! and they must be a fine group to be grandma to so many folks! I am doing quite well here in the Mennonite Village in the Quail Run section like a big hotel actually and very nice to live in! I have been here since 2008 after I had open heart surgery and am in an apartment in Quail Run like a fancy hotel actually! I have two daughters as you likely know.. Susie lives in South Salem and has one grandchild who has two children a boy and a girl who live in Junction City.. that's it for me Marilyn works for the City of Albany and she and her husband could never have children.. Stan is retired and Marilyn is Public Information Officer for the City of Albany. She was a reporter for the paper before. My Brother Jim and his wife are retired and live here in Albany. It's nice to get to see them ever so often and e-mail the rest of the time. Our sister Bonnie passed away from Cancer some years back. She was our dearest Sister.. She had two children John and Julie who each have three children. and live in southern Cal [John] and Washington State [Julie] I have two step-grandsons in my Aune family and a 2 fine Sons-in-law. Betty, I am ever so sorry you have lost that fine man but he left you with a lot of families to love and to be loved by them. May GOD Richly Bless you all! Love, Mae Douglas Montgomery Aune

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**Mae Montgomery Aune** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Betty and Family, We were saddened to hear of Genes passing into the arms of God. Due to our tardiness at reading the Bulletin, we werent aware that you had moved to Redmond, that you had the blessing of celebrating your 70th!!!, nor that Gene had passed away. Betty, you and Gene were part of the loving group of Chat-N-Chew friends that welcomed Dick and I to the Plainview community nearly 27 years ago. We always will treasure that inclusion. Also, we were so happy to have you become a part of our Nazarene church fellowship. We were blessed when Gene would sing for us. He and Leland Chase will now be singing together in Gods Heavenly Choir! Gene also blessed us with some of the yummiest cakes and other foods ever brought to pot lucks! You and Gene were a great example of courage and true family commitment. You rose to the challenge of raising a tiny baby as your own when many of us were glad to be empty nesters. God blessed you with long life as a couple, We will hold loving memories of the both of you.

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**Dick and Dianne Marr** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM