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Loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. Bud, born August 18, 1931 in Lonoke Arkansas, passed away peacefully April 27, 2007 to be with his Lord and Savior. After graduating high school, he joined the Air Force where he met his wife of 52 years, Eliane, while stationed in France. He retired after serving 24 years in the military and many years of work in Tacoma. When he wasn't spending time with his loving wife and family, he was golfing with his buddies, working in his woodshop or gardening. He is survived by his wife Eliane; son Gerry Dwayne; daughter-in-law Debbie; granddaughters Nicole and Ashley; brothers and sisters Hazel, Harold, Ann Lou, Mildred, Maudine, Leon, Robert and Caroline. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Earl and Ed. Bud has left us with many wonderful memories to cherish. He was loved by all and will be missed very much.



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Anonymous posted:

I'm so sorry we couldn't be there. I'm thinking about everyone and yall are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Sara Pless Sparks##imported-end##

May 6 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

God gave us a large family to love and share, now he is calling us home, one at a time for us to be together again. Eliane and Gerry, we are thinking about you and your family. Distance doesn't lessen the loss. Love, Carolyn##imported-begin##Alva & Carolyn Fisher##imported-end##

May 6 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Elaine, Dwayne and family, please know that you are loved and that many prayers continue to be offered on your behalf during this time of great loss. We have wonderful memories and God's precious promises to see us through. Bud and Bob grew up together and shared many great adventures. Some even thought we were twins because of our closeness. We mourn with you and will continue to offer our love and prayers for you. May the Lord bless you with the riches of His grace.##imported-begin##Bob and Helen Pless##imported-end##

May 4 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I always think of you when I see lilacs in bloom because of the beautiful lilacs you grew.##imported-begin##Gina Bader##imported-end##

May 2 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We served together at McChord AFB. You were a good NCO and friend.##imported-begin##Joe and Ruth Behrent##imported-end##

May 2 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Bud was a wonderful person, a great friend and I thought of him as a brother. He had a wonderful smile and a devilish twinkle in his eye that made you wonder what he was going to say next. He was my childrens "second" father and good friend for 36 years. We will all miss him very much, but he left us with many wonderful memories. We will see him again.##imported-begin##Dee Owen##imported-end##

May 1 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

There are no words for the sense of loss anyone who knew Uncle Bud feels. I didn't get the chance often enough to spend time with him, but the times I did have I'll cherish forever. The stories he told of the "old days", the many stories he told me about my dad, his brother, I'll keep forever in my heart. The visit in 2004 is one of my favorite memories...ever. What a host, what a friend, what a "buddy". Thanks for being "Uncle Bud".##imported-begin##Don and Kelly Pless##imported-end##

May 1 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I had the privalege of working with Bud for 12 and1/2 years. Bud was the type of person who was not only a good teacher in his business but was the type to encourage others as well. He also was the type of man who never thought he knew it all. He was willing to learn even from a new employee. His wife Elaine is a special lady and Anne and me would like to pass on our thoughts and prayers for Bud,Elaine and Family at this time. Warmest Regards; Dave and Anne O'Neil##imported-begin##Dave O'Neil##imported-end##

April 30 at 6:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

This is truely a great loss for this neighborhood. Bud will be missed greatly. I always looked forward to stopping and passing the time of day with Bud. He never had a bad word for anyone or anything. He was a joy!##imported-begin##Mr & Mrs George Frohmader##imported-end##

April 30 at 6:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Bud was a kind man with a great sense of humor. He will be missed.###imported-begin###Dan and Joan Wasserstrom###imported-end##

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gaines by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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