



Gene D. Couch

August 9, 1937 - January 19, 2018

Gene was born in Brockwell Arkansas to Phil and Dorothy Couch. He attended school in Wenatchee, and then joined the U.S. Air force making a career in the fire department. Gene proudly served for 20 years spending time in Thailand, Korea, and Vietnam. He met his wife Joanie while stationed in England and later had their three sons and daughter. Following retirement from the Air Force, he worked as the Chief at Pangborn Air Field for five years. He spent the next two years as the Director of Airfield Operations at Louisville, KY International Airport. From there, he went to Fresno, CA as Director of Public Safety at Fresno-Yosemite International Airport, retiring in 2000. During his career, Gene had the proud opportunity to assist in the safety alongside the FBI during the visit of both Presidents Reagan and Clinton to the Fresno Airport.

Gene and Joanie enjoyed spending their winters in Southern California, and summers at their beloved Lake Chelan Yacht Club reconnecting with old friends, and making many new.

Gene was a dedicated man in every respect of his life. He was truly proud of his family. Gene was preceded in death by his parents, brothers and grandson. Survived by his wife of 59 years, Joanie, Son Rick and wife Jenny, Son Mike and wife Donna, Son David, Daughter Michelle and husband Andrew, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Gene was known for his love of gardening, entertaining friends on his porch, and rooting for his Seahawks. He will be missed and never forgotten.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The American Legion, Post 10, 208 N Wenatchee Ave, Wenatchee WA 98801 in honor of Gene Couch. Services will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. in the Jones & Jones – Betts Memorial Chapel.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 10. 9:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



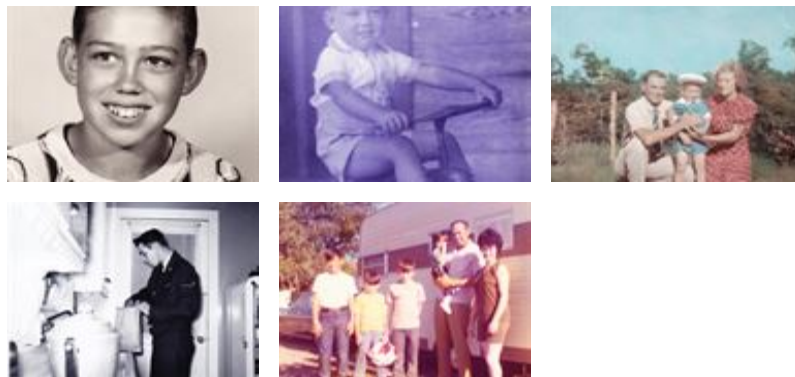
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“ I will always cherish having a Bloody Mary with Gene every weekend on the porch. We always talked about the kids and what was happening around us
Love dianna

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