



Eugene H. Hilscher

May 14, 1925 - May 17, 2019

Eugene (Gene) H. Hilscher went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 17, 2019 at the age of 94. Gene was born on May 14, 1925 to Conrad and Adella Hilscher in El Campo, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents Conrad and Adella Hilscher; sisters Clara Joseph and Virginia Schaper. Gene is survived by his loving wife of 72 years Isabel (Bell) Hilscher and numerous nieces and nephews. Gene served his country honorably during World War II in the Army 363rd Infantry, attaining the rank of Sergeant.

He was an Assistant Squad Leader with the 91st Division, 363rd Infantry in Africa and Italy. His decorations and citations included the EAME Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star Medal and two Overseas Service Bars. Following his discharge from the Army, he met and married his forever love, Bell. Gene was a courageous, unstoppable, self-made man, who owned and operated various businesses. Gene did not know the meaning of "you won't be able to do it." He didn't let battle wounds and polio that compromised the use of his leg, keep him from enjoying life, including teaching himself to water ski with one ski. Upon retirement, he traveled the world with his lovely Bell making friends at every stop. Everyone knew Gene.

Although his body began to fail him these past few years, his mind was sharp,

and his concern was always that the ones he loved, most especially Bell, would continue to enjoy life and all that it has to offer. He will be remembered fondly for his strong Catholic faith, his love for Bell, polka dancing his way across the country, sharing fresh produce from his gardens, teaching his nieces and nephews to water ski, and telling stories to the grandnieces and grandnephews. The family would like to thank all his caregivers, especially, the nurses, doctors and social/case workers at Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital, the staff at Vitas Hospice, his caregivers at Visiting Angels, and the staffs at Brookdale Patriot Heights and Hamilton Wolfe.

A Memorial service will be held at St. Jerome's Catholic Church on Monday, June 3rd at 11:00 a.m. (preceded by a Rosary at 10:20 a.m.) with interment to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. Visitation with the Family at St. Jerome's on the day of the service starting at 9:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer Masses for Gene's intentions, or contributions in Gene's memory to St. Jerome's Catholic Church, the Wounded Warrior Project, the Alzheimer's Association or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Jerome Catholic Cemetery
7955 Real Road
San Antonio, TX

Interment

JUN 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

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“ I have the happiest memories of Uncle Gene. He was always fun to be around. He was the life of the party always. One time I got to stay with him at the lake house in Mathis. We went skiing and went and visited all the neighbors on the river. He loved his beer so i was gonna trick him. I got an empty beer bottle and filled it with cold water. When he asked me to bring him a beer I was so excited to pull the trick on him. Hes started drinking it and I thought he would spit it out, but my uncle just sat an enjoyed that bottle of water like it was the best beer he ever had. As always the joke was on me. He will not be forgotten cuz his memories will always be in my heart. I loved him so much. I know he is with momma and aunt Virginia dancing in heaven.

Janet Bordano - June 01, 2019 at 08:34 AM

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“ Gene and Bell were our dear polka friends, remember visiting with them for many years at many dances, wedding and anniversary celebrations. No matter where we went, Gene and Bell were there and were always one of the happiest couples there. Our hero will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to Bell and the family.

Rudy and Bea Patek

Ruey and Bea Patek - May 25, 2019 at 11:08 AM

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“ Gene was always a joy to be around and polka dance with. He was always full of knowledge and laughter. Him and Bell were always supportive of their friends. He will be greatly missed. I'm sure he is polka dancing and telling jokes in heaven.

Irene Cheatham & Louis Lobner - May 23, 2019 at 07:35 PM