

Stuart Wayne Gearhart, 90

June 23, 1928 - December 17, 2018

RENO, NV – Stuart Wayne Gearhart was born in Harlan on June 23, 1928, the son of Ellis and Blanche Gearhart. He had seven siblings.

Stuart grew up as a farm kid in Iowa. He graduated from Harlan High School. He then served in the United States Navy from 1948-1953 during the Korean War. Stuart graduated from Iowa State University at Ames with a Bachelor's of Agriculture degree. He devoted his life to the betterment of our country by working for the Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management doing such things as surveying land and documenting the migration of caribou during the installation of the Alaska pipeline. He was a proud member of the following societies: Kerak Shrine, Scottish Rite, Royal Order of Jesters and member the Foothills Church of Christ.

His legacy will be in our hearts and memories as we aspire to be as genuine, loving, tender, firm and honest as he was. He put his love for his country, family and friends first.

Start was heaven sent on December 17, 2018 in Reno, NV attaining the age of 90.

Stuart was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Carolyn; parents: Ellis and Blanche Gearhart; siblings: Hoyt, Hale, Lynn, Leota, Charles (with whom he shared a birthday), nephew Wayne Gearhart and great nephew Wayne Gearhart.

Stuart is survived by his children: Ruth Balch (Liz Wells) of Reno, Renee Portnell (Bob) of Sparks, Rachel Likes (David) of Tahoe City, CA and Rollin Gearhart (Teresa) of Reno; his grandchildren: Stuart Balch (Whitney) of Reno, Shauna aka Susie bell to her papa Klino (Jeff) of Reno, Sheylah Martin (Patrick) of Sparks, David Likes of Reno, Lucas Likes of Tahoe City, Casey Portnell of Sparks, Wade Gearhart of Reno, Jackie Portnell of Sparks and Alora Gearhart of Reno; great grandchildren: Amilia, Grant and Danica Klino all of Reno; sisters: Shirley McDermott of Atlantic and Myrna Poldberg of Harlan, as well as many nieces and nephews. And last but not least, his loyalist dog, Rex.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to the Kerak Shriner's Children's Hospital or the Iowa State University at Ames Agriculture Department.

May you finally be able to meet your brother, Hoyt. Rest In Peace, dad.