



Lt Col Gerald Biddle Warton

April 19, 1929 - August 7, 2013

Lt Col Gerald Biddle Warton (USAF Retired), age 84, passed away Wed, August 7, 2013 in Bend, Oregon. Gerald (Gerry) was born April 19, 1929 in Chicago, IL to George B. and Dorcas A. Warton. Gerry graduated from William Howard Taft H.S., Norwood Park, IL in 1947 and then attended Illinois College, Jacksonville, IL later transferring to and graduating from McKendree College, Lebanon, IL in 1951. Thereafter, he served in the United States Air Force for two years as an Airman, completed Officer Candidate School in 1953 and commissioned a second lieutenant. After 24 years of honorable service including the Korean Conflict, Vietnam War and various duty stations around the world, he retired in 1975 to Burns, OR. Gerry married Patricia Louise (Moser) Flathers May 25, 1980 in Burns, OR. Together they traveled across the nation and lived in Las Vegas, NV; Mesquite, NV; Albany, OR; Redmond, OR; Meridian, ID; and recently Bend, OR where Gerry passed away. Growing up loving horses, Gerry enjoyed anything connected to ranching. Spending time with family, a game of golf, and antiquing were passions along with his family genealogy project. He was an active member of the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, Red River Valley Association River Rats, and a 4-H leader for many years. He was known for his hearty laugh, quick wit, and approached any new project with gusto, as he did with his beer making friends. He is survived by Patty his wife of 33 years, his sister, Georgia Lee Olson (Evan) of Prospect Heights, IL and five children: George Warton (Julia), Lauri Askew (John), Robert Warton (Gwen), Robert

(Butch) Flathers, and Sherri Young (Gary). He was blessed with thirteen grandchildren: Matt (Jessica), John, and Greg Warton; Nathan Peterson; Davis, Riddick, Rowan, and Ryker Warton; Erin, Courtney, Kelsey, and Zach Flathers; and Brittany Boyer (Dustin); two great-grandchildren: Jack and Isabella Warton; and many other loving nieces, nephews and relatives. A Celebration of Gerrys life and Christian faith will be held at Aspen Ridge Retirement Center Great Room in Bend, Oregon on Aug 17, 2013 at 2:00 pm. Military burial with honors will be Oct 7, 2013 at Ft. Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, KS. Memorial donations may be made to the Holston United Methodist Home for Children, P.O. Box 188, Greeneville, TN 37744.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

Tribute Wall

PL

“ I will miss Gerry very much. Im so glad that I got to see and hug him often in June. My thoughts and love are with Patty and the whole family.

Peggy Lake - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Thank you so much Chris & the whole gang @ Epis. You all were so special to Gerry & me, giving me wonderful memories of great food & friends.

Patty Warton - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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RS

“ Gerry will be very much missed, until we all meet again. My deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers are with Patti and family. Thank you so much Reid for your thoughts.

Reid Sparks - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ It always brought a smile to all of our faces in Epis when we were blessed to have Gerry and Patty in the restaurant. What vitality, what life, what love we have nothing but wonderful memories of our times with you. We will pray for you, Patty, knowing how hard this time will be for you. You have a guardian angel looking over your shoulder now. we love you. from Chris, Bridget, and the gang at Epis. Thank you so much Chris & the whole gang @ Epis. You all were so special to Gerry & me, giving me wonderful memories of great food & friends.

Chris Ansotegui - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We will miss Gerry and our prayers are with Patty and family.

jr.& thelma collar - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ we are so sorry and our prayers are with you. we will always remember that Gerry and patty stayed and watched our grandson win grand champion steer at the fair. we love you and will miss Gerry at aspen ridge. What a great afternoon that was for us. Thank you so much for your prayers.

jr.& thelma collar - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM