

## SSG (Ret.) Herbert Eugene "Gene" Boyd

February 12, 1929 - August 14, 2023

SSG (RET) Herbert Eugene "Gene" Boyd, son of the late Harry and Lillian Oglesby Boyd, came into the world on February 12, 1929, in Bruce, South Dakota, where he stayed until age two. Gene peacefully left his earthly home on the morning of August 14, 2023, in Richland, Missouri, having attained the age of ninety-four years.

"Gene" grew up in the Richland area and was lovingly raised by his grandparents, Martin and Minnie Boyd after his mother's death, Gene was only two. He loved the Gasconade River that ran near his family's farm and the hills and hollers of the Ozarks, living nearly ten miles from town. Gene would literally "run" each day to town. Little known fact about Gene was that he missed the chance to participate in the Olympic trials as a runner due to lack of funding for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Gene attended Morrow country school. Later, graduating from Richland High School in 1947. He was an excellent student. His memorization skills were incredible. He could still give you the periodic table, the Preamble to the Constitution and the Gettysburg Address.

Gene entered into the United States Army on January 9th, 1951, as a Truckmaster. He faithfully served his country during the Korean war era. In November of 1955 he transferred into the Missouri Army National Guard. He

felt honored and proud to serve his country during his military service. He was honorably discharged on April 29th, 1969, as a Staff Sergeant in the 1/107th Transportation Company out of Lebanon, Missouri. He served for a total of 18 years and 3 months before being Honorably Discharged from the Army after a service-connected injury.

On June 11, 1955, Gene married the love of his life, Patricia Ann Bowles, daughter of James and Anna Louise (Becker) Bowles, in the Christian Church of Richland, Missouri. The two took on life hand in hand as their love grew deeper and richer down through their 68 years of marriage. God blessed Patsy and Gene with three precious daughters who were greatly loved and cherished. Gene was a devoted family man whose love ran deeper than any ocean.

Gene accepted the Lord early in his life and raised his family to love God and was a greatly loved member of the First Christian Church in Richland in January 1949. Gene was active in the church by volunteering with the youth and teaching Sunday school youth class.

Gene appreciated the closeness of his small community and was well respected there. Gene developed many lifelong friendships. He was always willing to do anything for anybody at any time, never expecting anything in return.

After his Honorable Discharge from the Army, Gene began working at the local Roam Hardware Store in Richland as well as transitioning to the National Guard. He had other jobs during his life as Gene was hard-working from an early age. He later began his career in Civil Service at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri as a steam fitter before retiring.

Gene was a talented man, an author, poet, and a farmer. He kept his life

experiences safe and secure in his mind until they overflowed, either from his lips or onto a piece of paper. These were treasures he created for all to see and love. There were times where Gene could just walk up to a person and look into their eyes and rattle off a poem at will.

He was an extraordinary man and had fun wherever he went. Gene dawned a sheepish grin and a twinkle in his eyes that could make a person wonder what he was up to. He could make anyone laugh with his humor. He was friendly and could strike up a conversation with anyone. Gene was selfless, humble, and kind. A man who cherished the simple things in life, faith, family, friends, and farming. These were what he treasured most. He didn't care about material things in life and put all of his energy into the family he created. He enjoyed times spent outdoors, hunting or fishing. He loved to read, especially books about History. Other things he enjoyed were listening to St. Louis Cardinals, Grand Ole Opry, classical music, and working in the garden with Patsy's mother and Grandma Mills. He jokingly took the blame for the love of showing dogs and horses. The family traveled thousands of miles to attend events all over the United States and Canada.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, who lovingly raised him, his parents, six siblings: Jack Vestal, Richard Vestal, Betty Harrison, Charles H. Boyd, Raymond L. Boyd, and Margaret Flannery; and in-laws: Jim and Louise Bowles.

Gene leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving wife, Patsy of the home; three daughters: Angela Bowling (Roy), Amber Henderson (Tom), and Alison Scaringello (Joe) all of Richland, MO, 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and a host of friends.

A great man leaves a lasting memory in the hearts of many, never being

forgotten. Gene is one of those men! His time on earth has ended as he's been promoted to glory. However, Gene's legacy will forever remain here in the hearts and minds of those whose lives he touched. Gone...but never forgotten!

Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, August 18, 2023, in the First Christian Church of Richland, Missouri with Pastor Landon Justice officiating. Pianist, Dee Ann Homan accompanied Kelsey Veasman as she sang, "Thank God I Do." Alan Jackson's song, "I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You," and Elvis Presley's song, "How Great Thou Art" were also played. Escorts included Lucas Bowling, Patrick Bowling, Cody Henderson, Trevor Scaringello, Joe Scaringello, Jr., and Michael Scaringello. Honorary escorts were Lisa (York) Tallant, Keith Lundh, Bill Burzlaff, Dick Todd, Cody Tuhey, Robert Stillings, Anthony Veasman, Phil Moss, Roy Bowling, Tom Henderson, and Joe Scaringello. Burial with Military honors were provided by the United States Army and Navy.

Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Gene Boyd to the "DAV" Disabled American Veterans and can be left at the Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Online condolences may be left at [www.richlandmemorialchapel.com](http://www.richlandmemorialchapel.com)

# Tribute Wall

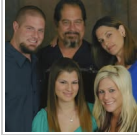


“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of SSG (Ret.) Herbert Eugene "Gene" Boyd*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - August 21, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Hello Patsy & Family,

*My father is A.D. Campbell (Alfred Dalton) aka "Don"& went to school with you & Gene in Richland during elementary years. He reads the Lebanon paper (used to read the Richland Mirror for 70 years, as far back as I can remember) He saw Gene's obituary & told me that he was good friends with him in school for years, He has fond memories & remembers you as well! I told him I can send a note of condolences if he wished & he said he would appreciate it. He was very sorry to hear of his passing & sends Heartfelt Wishes to you & your family. My dad is 93 & says many of his Richland friends has passed. Now your Dear Husband is among them and with The Lord. It sounds like he had a long wonderful life with you! If you care to let dad know if you remember him or not, feel free to email me @donnamarie017@gmail.com. Of course, you do not have to but only if you want. We live in San Diego, since 1958. He was stationed here in the Navy until he retired. We talked about Gene also was a military man. Dad loves Richland & there were many Campbells in his family. Letha was a butcher at the Richland market for years. I'm sure you may have known some of them. I am Donna, 68 yrs.& help my dad a little but he still lives alone. Mom passed 7 yrs ago. They were married 66 yrs years. I thought that was long, but You & Gene probably beat that by a lot! He does not do computers so I help him with online things & was honored to do this for him. To send Our Condolences & Blessings from CA to a man who served his Country & His family! May God Bless & Comfort You and Your Family during this difficult time.*

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**Donna Campbell-Ferreira** - September 14, 2023 at 07:26 PM

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“ *Bill and I have enjoyed the friendship of Patsy and Gene as they groomed our dog, Toby. We connected on several levels. We certainly loved our dogs, our families, and our Lord Jesus. We did not realize Gene had passed until after the funeral, or we would certainly have attended. He was a great guy with a lot of common sense, good humor, and great conversationalist. We are praying for the family as you are making the adjustments for life without him. I'm sure he has left you with many memories and inspiration to sustain you.* ”



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**Annette Catts** - September 09, 2023 at 06:20 PM

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“ *Charlotte Dunn lit a candle in memory of Herbert "Gene" Boyd* ”



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**Charlotte Dunn** - August 17, 2023 at 06:47 PM

MF

“ *Sorry to hear of Uncle Gene's passing. My Mother, Margaret Lucile Boyd Brown Flanery had many names but was proud of the Boyd name. She was very honored to have All the Boyd Brothers and Sisters as a Family. It had to be tough on all the Boyd children at one time but didn't they make their mark. Thank you Uncle Gene for keeping us in the Loop.* ”

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**Mark O Flanery** - August 17, 2023 at 03:37 PM

BH

“ Keeping the family in our prayers!

Boyd, Donna & AJ Hendrix



Boyd, Donna & AJ Hendrix - August 17, 2023 at 03:32 PM

PG

“ Pulaski Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Herbert "Gene" Boyd



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - August 17, 2023 at 12:15 PM



“ 101 files added to the album LifeTributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - August 17, 2023 at 10:56 AM

DH

“ *Della Hage lit a candle in memory of Herbert  
"Gene" Boyd*



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**Della Hage** - August 17, 2023 at 09:10 AM

CW

“ *You were the dad I never had. I will miss you  
but I know I will be with you again.*



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**Candice West** - August 16, 2023 at 02:54 PM