



## Gene Boyd McDonald

February 15, 1927 - July 10, 2023

Gene Boyd McDonald went to be with his Savior on Monday, July 10, 2023. Gene was born to Benjamin and Emma McDonald in Chattanooga, TN on February 15, 1927. Gene joined the Army during World War II and was sent to Fort Bragg, where he attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and served as a drill instructor preparing troops to defend our country overseas. Gene was honorably discharged in 1947, and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from UCLA, where he met his wife Dorothy. Gene worked for Douglas Aircraft Co. and then McDonnell-Douglas for over 30 years, where he helped design the DC-8 and DC-9. Gene and Dorothy lived in Tustin, CA before moving to Newberg, OR, where they ran a hazelnut farm. They returned to Banning, CA before moving to Austin, TX. For the last five years, Gene lived at Belmont Village Senior Living Lakeway with his dog Zoe.

There was nothing on God's green earth Gene couldn't build or fix with his own two hands. Gene loved traveling with his wife, including road trips in their RV and vacations on Balboa Island in Newport Bay. Gene was known for his calm wisdom, his giving spirit, and his love for his wife, children, and grandchildren. Gene is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Benjamin "Buddy" McDonald, and his wife. He is survived by his two children, Heidi (John) Holt and Bruce (Kimberly) McDonald, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Gene was buried with his wife at Riverside National

Cemetery on July 25.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gene was my long lost cousin. I remember he and buddy well when we lived in San Diego. Named my daughter after hls. He is so missed.*

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**Judy Hegstrom (moser)** - March 01, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ *Gene Boyd McDonald*

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October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Gene Boyd McDonald*

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October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Gene Boyd McDonald*

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September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM