



Gil N. Kuhn

April 10, 1930 - March 7, 2015

GILBERT "NIPPY" KUHN

(AGE 84)

Gil passed away March 7, 2015. He is survived by his wife Winona (Winnie), sons Gary (Karen) Kuhn, Gene (Ivy) Kuhn, and daughter Wendy Kensok (Jim). Grandchildren include Jenny, Jared, Ryan, Amanda, Kristen, Mallory, and Jamin. Great grandchildren include Anna, Alexa, Wyatt, and Holly.

Gil was born April 10, 1930 in Hoquiam, WA. He was a star baseball player at Hoquiam High School. He then went into the air force and was stationed at Fairchild AFB for 4 years where he was a military policeman and starred on the base baseball team. He played a year of pro ball then worked for Great Northern and Burlington Northern RR for 30 years in Spokane.

Gil enjoyed golf and bowling his entire life. He actively followed his children's and grandchildren's sports and activities. Gil enjoyed watching his sons finish the last couple of holes in the Twilight League at Downriver golf course. He often joined the crew afterward to commiserate the round and the Mariners over a pint. Gil, along with the family, struggled through many anxious moments watching the Cougars. We will miss his hearty full facial laugh and his countless baseball stories.

The family would like to whole heartily thank Royal Park Care Center for their dedicated care of Gil from the start to the end.

Services for Gil will be held Thursday March 12 at 2:00 pm at Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum, 7200 N Wall St. Spokane. Friends of family welcome.

Comments



“ Winnie, Gary, Gene and Wendy: I am so very sorry for your loss. While I have seen Gary in the past several years, I often think of the old days when we lived on Dalton. I have many fond memories of those times. Back when neighbors knew everyone around them and interacted with them. I just happened to be house hunting 2 years ago when your Alice house was for sale, and I did go look at it. I ended up buying a home on Corbin Park. It is so hard to lose a loved one, but I know with my dad, I was glad he would no longer be in pain. We lost Don this past July, kind of sudden but he did have a heart condition. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.

Sincerely:
Denise (Van Gelder) Loehlein

Denise Loehlein - March 16 at 03:15 PM



“ Winnie,

Although we haven't been in touch for many years, I was so very sorry to read of Gil's passing. I believe Gil was one of the last Air Policeman left in the group, with the exception of Chuck Redman. Sadly, my husband Joe Taberner, died two years ago in Toledo, Ohio.

Please accept my sincere sympathy and my prayers for you and all of your family.

Shirley Taberner

Shirley Taberner - March 15 at 07:13 PM



“ We would like to thank everyone for coming and celebrating Gil's life. We also very much appreciate Keith Rattie and his family for sending flowers and for their kind words about my dad. Thank you aunt Annette for sharing your kind memories and thoughts about my dad as well.

Wendy Kensok - March 15 at 10:49 AM



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Keith Rattie - March 12 at 06:56 PM



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Keith Rattie - March 12 at 12:03 PM



“ My brother-in-law passed away Saturday March 7! He and my sister were married 62 years! He played pro baseball and loved to golf! He died on their 62nd wedding anniversary!

Annette Rattie Black - March 12 at 01:16 AM



“ Enjoyed bowling and golf with Gil and all our Elk friends. He was a great golf instructor. From his friend, Dick Hoering, Pooped Bowling Proprietor.

richard g. hoering - March 11 at 08:34 PM



“ The Zink Family would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the Kuhn family for the loss of such a great man. We remember warmly the numerous times we played in the annual Father Son golf tournament on Fathers day. We always looked forward to playing with the Kuhn family. Loved to see Gill each year, Gary not so much and of course Gene. Gary & Jerry, what a pair, the inseperable downriver twins, teeing it up with Gill and Bill. What great memories. Thanks for all those times and all those laughs and may god bless you and yours in this difficult time. Bill & Gill are smiling, looking down on us, cheering for just one more birdie. We'll remember you always. Mike & Jerry,

Mike Zink - March 11 at 03:59 PM