



Gerald Thomas Minihan Jr.

July 20, 1940 - January 21, 2011

"Gary was true and loyal to family and friends." Gerald "Gary" T. Minihan of Battle Ground, WA, passed away on January 21, 2011. He was born July 20, 1940 in Hillsboro, OH to Gerald T. and Alice (Evans) Minihan. Gary attended two years of college and later retired from the Air Force after 30 years as a veteran of Desert Shield/Storm. Gary loved John Deere tractors, MOPARS-cars and trucks and being a member of the Air Force Association. Gary is survived by his wife of 52 years, Judith; son, Gerald T. (Angela) Minihan III; daughter, Gigi (Lou) Bice; five grandchildren; sister, Linda Lyons; and mother-in-law, Martha V. Wiegand. He was preceded in death by his father; and mother, Alice Fenner.

Tribute Wall

BL

“ *Judy and Family So sorry for your loss. It is a promise we will meet again. He is not gone but awaits us just inside Heavans gate. I graduated with Gary at HHS. I always remember his smile and friendliness. Barb*

Barb (Hammond) Little - January 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *So sorry for Mini's family and friends. We were classmates and graduated together at HHS. Good memories and may we all meet again someday for a big reunion!*

Marty (Greene) Kitchen - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Dear Judy, Words can never express the sadness in my heart at the loss of Gary "my Brother" and your loving husband. He will always live in my fondest memories. He was as a brother to me and always there in troubled and happy times. May God Bless you. If ever I can be pf help just call. Love, Charlie*

Charlie Mercer - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *I AM SORRY SORRY TO HEAR OF" MINI'S " PASSING MY PRAYERS TO JUDY AND FAMILY, I FLEW WITH MINI IN THE 70`s&80s`tom sutherin 355 tas. spray flt.*

TOM SUTHERIN - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ I always enjoyed having the "miniman" on my crew. He was a good guy and a professional to work with.

Sam Murphy LTC USAF - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Judy & Family- I'm sitting here trying to write this. But, my heart is heavy and tears are flowing. Someone once said, the grieving of someone who has passed on is the penalty we pay for loving that person. I could not write my life story without including "Mini" in it. We were friends from the late 40's until the mid 50's, back in our hometown of Hillsboro, Ohio. We shared so many memories, some good & some not so good. "Mini" was the brother I never had. Would love to write more but space is limited. Will see "Mini" soon. That's Gods promise to us..... Dave PS. I can remember the day you came to Hillsboro. "Mini" was so excited. He said, "Have you seen the new girl ? Judy is her name !" You made him so very happy..... Much love to you and yours, Judy. Please stay in touch.

Dave Simkins - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

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Danny Howser - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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Danny Howser - January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I flew several missions with Gary, he was fun to be around. I was the Crew Chief on the C-130 484 at Rickenbacker AFB. He liked flying on it because of the Utility Prime. He was a friend and never had a bad word for anyone, I will miss him. God bless you, Judy.

Jerry Townsley - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ I flew C-130s with Gary for 15 years in the Air Force Reserves at Rickenbacker ANG Base in Ohio. He and I were on the same aircrew during Desert Storm in Oman and Saudi in Jan-June 1991. Gary was a great Loadmaster. He could on-load and off-load a C-130 faster than anyone I ever met. He always got this huge smile on his face when he knew he had out-smarted you! He always loved to talk about his diesel truck and fun he was having with his family. Gary was a great friend, great person, and will be hugely missed.

Brian Van Vliet - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ I was sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I too flew with him while at Rickenbacker. My condolences to his family.

Bill Krider - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My prayers go out to Gary and his family. I was in the AF Reserve at Rickenbacker and occasionally flew with Gary. He was a great guy, very professional and liked by everyone. He will be sadly missed.

Lou Salerno - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Gary was a true hero. I flew with him from 1973 until 1993. Always a professional aviator and great person to be around. Miss you Gary!!!

Paul M. Lavin - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM