



Gordon D. Gochenaur

September 29, 1920 - April 3, 2016

Gordon D. Gochenaur age 95, passed away on Sunday, April 3, 2016 after a long battle with cancer.

He was born on September 29, 1920, the son of Hobart J. and Elvira (Jacobson) Gochenaur in Richland Center, Wisconsin. He attended all 12 grades of school in Richland Center and graduated from the Richland Center High School in 1938.

With America's involvement in World War II, he was required in 1942 to report for duty in the Army. He was involved in active duty in the 401 Army Artillery Unit and served until 1946 in Africa and Italy.

In January 1946, he married Virginia Olson in Beloit, WI. They made their home in Wisconsin, North Dakota and Florida before returning to Milwaukee, WI, where he worked as a Steamfitter for American Motors for 31 years. They enjoyed basketball games, collecting tools, restoring old cars and traveling with his camper trailer. Following the death of Virginia, he retired from American Motors and moved to a cabin on the Wisconsin River in Muscoda, WI.

In 1986 he married Jean Brewer Gochenaur and they made their home in Richland Center. He enjoyed restoring Metropolitan Cars, taking car trips and hosting a Met Road Rally from their home.

He is survived by his son James Gochenaur, Milwaukee, WI; two step-children Ellen (Edwin) Noehre, Richland Center and Stephen Gochenaur, Middleton, WI; one granddaughter; nieces nephews, cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Virginia, his second wife Jean, his sister Betty and brother in law Bun Foley and much beloved “Humane Society” friend of 18 years, Ralph.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Schmitt Woodland Hills Chapel on the 2nd Floor, 1400 West Seminary St. Richland Center, WI. The Local Military Honors Unit will provide Military Graveside Rites in the Richland Center Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be given in Gordon’s name to the Ocooch Mountain Humane Society.

Cemetery Details

Richland Center Cemetery

Richland Center, WI

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 7. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Schmitt Woodland Hills Chapel
1400 West Seminary Street
Richland Center, WI 53581

Burial

APR 7. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Richland Center Cemetery
Richland Center, WI

Tribute Wall



“ *Shona Gochenaur lit a candle in memory of Gordon D. Gochenaur*



Shona Gochenaur - May 03, 2016 at 08:06 AM

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“ *Did my prior post come thru? If so forgive repeat, please, I need for my grandad step son and daughter , Stephen and Ellen to contact me, I'm in California, here's my number 415-240-5247*

Shona Gochenaur - May 03, 2016 at 08:02 AM

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“ *Shona Gochenaur sent a virtual gift in memory of Gordon D. Gochenaur*



Shona Gochenaur - May 03, 2016 at 07:59 AM

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Im still waiting to be contacted by relations of my grandpa .. Shona Gochenaur .

Shona Gochenaur - July 26, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ *Shona Gochenaur lit a candle in memory of Gordon D. Gochenaur*



Shona Gochenaur - May 03, 2016 at 07:55 AM



“ *Hi, this is Shona Gochenaur, Gordon granddaughter, I need Ellen and Stephen Gochenaur to contact me, immediately, I have no pictures of my grandfather, or grandmother, or my dear dear sweetheart their dog Ralph, its a long story, and I have shared some memories of my grandfather, on Facebook, Most include cars, LOL, but if anyone can help me contact Stephen and Ellen my grandfather stepchildren, my second cousin's as well , I'd be grateful, here's my cell phone, 415-240-5247*

Shona Gochenaur - May 03, 2016 at 07:42 AM

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“ Gordon was a true Gentleman in every sense of the word. And a hero, really, to those of us, like me, who were much younger than he. I liked hearing him tell of his time in Italy during WW II. Maybe it was his time in the service that gave him his easygoing outlook on things. He was unique. I know his family and friends will miss him greatly, but I'm glad his long struggle is over. Rest easy, Gordon. A life well lived. And a great guy to those who admired you.
Dennis Schumacher
Madison, Wisconsin

Dennis Schumacher - April 05, 2016 at 10:30 AM