

Forrest "Red" Hay

November 7, 1929 – August 7, 2022

Obituary

Master Gunnery Sergeant Forrest "Red" Hay, United States Marine Corps (Retired), of Kingwood, TX, passed away August 7, 2022, at 92, following a brave struggle with brain cancer.

Red was born November 7, 1929, in Dayton, OH, to William Beckham and Bessie Eula Mason Hay. He graduated from Tippecanoe City High School in Tipp City, Ohio, in 1948 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps shortly after. He served 26 years of Active Duty, including tours in Korea and Vietnam.

During this time, he met the one true love of his life, Vivian June Stark. They married on June 25, 1960, in St. Louis, Missouri. Upon his retirement in 1974, the couple settled in Roman Forest, TX, where they rested from their frequent travels through North America and Europe, documenting extensive family ancestry records. The couple enjoyed their time as Aunt June and Uncle Red to many nieces and nephews and loved each other dearly. In their late years, Red was a devoted caretaker for June until her passing in December 2017.

Red is also preceded in death by his wife Vivian June Hay and Parents William Beckhan Hay and Bessie Eula Hay; brother, William J. "Bill" Hay; and sister, Mary Samie Pochard; sister-in-law, Mary Alice Stark; brothers-in-law, Bessie John Franklin Giddens III and Fayne Floyd Stark; nieces, Karen G. Picard and Fula Ha Serena Marie Giddens; nephews, John Franklin Giddens IV and Roger Samuel Giddens. Family members remaining to cherish his memory are nieces Dianne Inghram, Debbi Donaldson (Dan), Denise Daniels (Steve); sister-in-law Loretta Mae Hay and nephew Allen Scott Hay 1; sister-in-law Cozy Omega Stuetngen, nephews Charles Stuetngen, Jr. (Deronda), Danny Stuetngen, Robert Paul (Debbie), Floyd Allan Giddens, Glen Bradford Giddens (Sabrina); nieces Mitzi Maloney, Sheila Parks (Jim), and Charlene Sewell (Steven), Mary Elizabeth "Beth" Herman, Sally Jane Ballew (Thad), Roberta Giddens Huff (Buck); as well as numerous great nieces, great nephews, and their children.

Visitation will be Monday, August 15, from 5 pm - 8 pm at Rosewood Funeral Home in Porter. Funeral services will be at 10 am, Tuesday, August 16, in Rosewood Porter Chapel, with interment to follow in Rosewood Memorial Park.