



Gerald Hankins

April 7, 2020

Gerald B. Hankins, Died on April 7, 2020 at the Evergreens in Moorestown at the age of 93.

He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed a wide range of activities including golf, watching sports, building model cars and boats, and tinkering with his MG sports car.

He graduated from Collingswood High Class of "44". He enlisted in the US Airforce and graduated from Rutgers University in 1951 with a degree in Civil Engineering. Gerald was in World War II from 1944 to 1946 and then in the Korean War from 1951 to 1953. He later transferred to the USAF reserve where he served for 17 years, reaching the rank of Major. He was a Licensed Civil Engineer and worked for Philco Ford, and later for Mt. Laurel Township as the Executive Director of the MUA. He was a 55-year member of the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown and served as a Trustee. Gerald was a long time member of the American Legion Post 42.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years Beatrice "Betty" Hankins, as well as daughter Joanne Hankins and son Thomas Hankins (and Mary). He has 4 granddaughters, Taylor (and Kevin Coursey), Kendall Hankins (and her Fiancée JP Makrez), Devon (and Luke Peterson) and Carson (and Franz Bruce-Salmon). He has 3 great grandchildren Morgan Gilpatric, Paige Gilpatric and Ari Bruce-Salmon.

Due to the present circumstances Interment was private and a public service will be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, 101 Bridgeboro Rd., Moorestown, NJ 08057 or Disabled American Veterans or any other charities of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Hankins*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *Gerald Hankins*

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

TD

“ Dear Mrs. Hankins - I was just thinking of you the other day. I was telling a friend about the Air Force Aux that you and Gerry and my parents belonged to. I was sharing how that group of veterans and their wives always included Jeanne in your gatherings long after my Dad died in 1964. Very few couples in Moorestown included her in their social life. She had friends who were teachers or from the church, but not the social kind that must of reminded her of WWII, dances at air force bases across the midwest and the loneliness when my dad was in the Philippines in 1945 and 1946. Given where you lived off of Stanwick Ave, I remember Mom so often stopping off to see your mom after she finished a day of work at Moorestown High School.

I am so sorry to hear of Gerry's death last month. If it is Tom or Joanne who are reading this and not your mom, my mom, Jeanne Dunn and my dad, Don Dunn, Township administrator were a part of a mostly social group of WWII veterans who socialized together a few times a year. during the late 50's, 60's and into the 70's. Sounds like your dad lived a good long life and I hope you can read this to your mom or give it to her to read.

So Betty - Tommy and Joanne - the reason I was thinking of your family, the other day is I am finishing writing a book using my parents correspondence from 1939-1946, to tell the story of their romance and WWII. It is due out on July 1st and if one of you will send me your address, I will send you a copy. It may have some echoes of your dad's experience in WWII.

Betty - as you may remember, Jeanne moved to Boston in 1992 and lived in senior housing right across the street from my husband John and our son Alex who we adopted from Russia and I. He is now 29 and lives in an apartment above us in Newton with his fiance.

My brother, Chris and his family that include his wife, 2 grown children and 2 toddler grands live in Bowling Green Ohio where he was a dean at Bowling Green State.

Mom had a terrible stroke in Jan 1998 and lived just 8 more months.

Well, how appropriate on Memorial Day, I for the first time, looked at the obituaries in the Moorestown paper. Please send me one of your addresses so I can send the book to you all. My brother Chris and I send our great memories of your dad and mom on this special day and share in the sadness of the loss of your Dad. Chris and Tim Dunn

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Tim Dunn - May 25, 2020 at 10:39 AM

JT

“ *GOD BLESS JERRY...REST IN PEACE...
THANK YOU FOR ALL THOSE YEARS YOU WERE
SUCH A FRIEND AND BUDDY OF MY DAD HERB
TELL HIM I SAID HAPPY EASTER DAD....*

*MY SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO BETTY AND JOANNE
SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS....
CHIN UP...
KEEP THE MEMORIES ALIVE...
BE SAFE BE WELL
joel*

joel e toussaint - April 12, 2020 at 11:46 AM

JO

Joel - Thank you so much for your kind message. I believe Herbie was probably one of the first person's to greet my Dad. ❤️ Joanne & Betty

Joanne - April 19, 2020 at 12:21 PM

JO

“ *In honor of my Father. You will always be my hero and I will always be your little girl. ❤️*



Joanne - April 12, 2020 at 11:28 AM

DZ

“ *Dear Joanne, Betty and family,
Gary and I are so sorry for the loss of your beloved Gerald. He was a devoted dad, husband, and grandfather to all of you, and a kind friend to so many. I remember the Thanksgiving we shared with you and how welcomed he (and Betty) made us feel, I can still see his smile. Joanne, I know he was the wind beneath your wings and I pray that your lifetime of memories will bring you comfort, that all of you will be comforted by his love. May his wings embrace you all and may God bless you with his peace.*

Diane Zdan - April 11, 2020 at 10:36 AM

JO

Thank you so much Diane and Gary for the kind words. I'm blessed to have such wonderful friends ❤️

Joanne - April 12, 2020 at 11:19 AM

DZ

“ *Diane Zdan lit a candle in memory of Gerald Hankins*



Diane Zdan - April 11, 2020 at 10:25 AM



Joanne - April 12, 2020 at 11:19 AM