



MR. GAIL EDMUND TAKEN

March 31, 1921 - July 7, 2014

Gail Edmund Taken, passed away July 7, 2014, at the age of 93. He was born March 31, 1921 in Bruce, S.D., to Ray and Edith Taken, the younger of two sons.

He grew up in Castlewood, S.D., where he worked in his dad's auto repair shop and graduated Valedictorian of his graduating class of 1939. After Business College, he worked as a bookkeeper at the War Department in Washington, DC. Gail and his wife Donna were married April 5, 1941 in Virginia. He was drafted into the Army in August 1944 and served in an Armored Infantry Battalion in Germany until the war ended.

Under the GI Bill, he studied accounting and Income Tax Law and worked for the Internal Revenue Service in Council Bluffs, IA; Atlantic, IA; and Des Moines, IA. He and Donna raised five children in Iowa before moving to Prescott in 1979, after 35 years of government service. At his church, he volunteered as church treasurer, board member and Sunday school teacher. He loved wood working and exploring old mining towns around the great state of Arizona.

Gail is survived by daughter, Linda and Rich Diehl of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; son, Richard and Dorothy Taken of Moore, OK; son, Steve and Mary Taken of Eunice, N.M.; and daughter, Tammy and Gary Spruill of Peoria, Ariz.; eleven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren. In addition to his parents and one brother, Gail was preceded in death by his wife Donna of 72 years; two daughters, Joan Marie Taken and Ruth Ann

Schumaker; a grandson, and a great-granddaughter.

A Celebration of Life will be Saturday, July 12, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Robert Road Baptist Church, 5100 N. Robert Rd., Prescott Valley, Ariz.

Tribute Wall



“ *MR. GAIL EDMUND TAKEN*

January 30, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Tammy and family, so sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a very special man and will be missed by many. Our Prayers are with you.
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“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of
MR. GAIL EDMUND TAKEN.*



July 11, 2014 at 09:18 AM



“ *Steve, Mary and Family, We pray you feel
God's loving presence surrounding you and
your family. May God bless you with beautiful
memories to see you through this time. We
love you and are keeping you in our thoughts
and prayers~ Hadley and Penny*



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My Regard for the family, Love and Prayers Caterina Moric

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