



Donald Lair (Smokey)

Donald Lair (Smokey) passed away September 24, 2021 of pancreatic cancer at the age of 87. Don was born in Lamar, Prowers, Colorado March 2, 1934, to Oscar and Loretta (Rea) Lair. Don married Doris Storey December 30, 1972 and settled in Casa Grande where he lived for the past 50 years. Don and Doris were together for 50 years. Don worked for Arizona Public Service from 1968 to 1990 as a lineman and electrical inspector.

Don was a Korean War veteran who served in the Army and Air Force. He was one of 1,000 Rakkasans in the 187 Regimental Airborne Combat team's second battalion. He had the Combat Infantryman badge and the UN and the Korean Service Ribbons and the Purple Heart. After retiring, he became a self-taught woodworker and repaired and built furniture for friends in his cud-de-sac.

Don was predeceased by his daughter, Rachel Windes. His survivors include his wife, Doris; stepchildren, Valerie Gold-Neil and husband Nick Smith, J.R. and Cindy Gold, and Brent Gold and Molly. Don had a daughter, Kai Coburn; sons, Jeff, Buddy, and Michael Lair and their families. Our family wants to appreciate gratitude to his hospice nurse, Kim, and Savior Hospice. Don's ashes will be interred in the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. No memorial services will be held.