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Lumbee Indian heritage and attended Indian Normal School in Pembroke. He joined the Air Force in 1954 and was stationed at Mtn. Home AFB where he met his wife, Linda Marie Smith. They were married 51 years. His tours of duty included Vietnam, where he was a 1st Sergeant and was awarded a [Bronze Star](#). He retired after 20 years of service. After his military career, Gerald went to work for UPS in Boise as a package and feeder driver. A leader to fellow employees, he loved to give direction and help others, and was active as a union shop steward. He was always up for a good chat and had a new joke for every encounter. He also loved to tease and was an innocent flirt. He and Linda enjoyed tailgating and going to BSU football games, particularly when son Greg was on the team; spending time at the family cabin and playing with his grandkids. Gerald never met a stranger and had an uncanny knack for running into people he knew, no matter where in the world he traveled, or making a new friend on the spot. Retirement from UPS in 1975 didn't slow him down. He helped with annual Air Force reunions and attended what he called "Old Guy breakfasts." A longtime member of the First Congregational Church, he served on committees and as an usher. Even through his cancer treatments, he had a joke or kind word for all. He was an amazing and inspirational husband, father, grandfather and friend. Gerald is survived by his wife Linda Marie, daughter Lezlee Sutton and son Greg Sutton (wife Hamilton), and four grandchildren, William Yeattes, Harrison Yeattes, Cooper Sutton and Ayla Sutton; as well as siblings Pauline, Ronnie, Edward, Carolyn, Melba, Ernie and Janet, plus Aunt Mildred and a large extended family.

The Suttons would like to thank everyone at the Cancer Care Center, where he received such great care, particularly Drs. Jeffrey Dzieczkowski, Michael Mallea, Karl Schultheiss and Joe Williams. Sincere thanks also to the Home Health staff, Four Rivers Hospital, and the Visiting Angels. Viewing is Thurs., Nov. 18 at 6:00 p.m.; memorial service Fri., Nov. 19 at noon, both at Alden-Waggoner, 5400 W. Fairview Ave., Boise. Graveside service will follow at 2:00 p.m. with full military honors at the Idaho [Veterans](#) Memorial Cemetery. At 3:00 p.m., everyone is invited to celebrate Gerald's life at his favorite eatery, Nam King Restaurant, 4624 W. State St., Boise. Its owners, the Huis, are very much a part of his extended family. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the [American Cancer Society](#) or a favorite charity.