



Mr. Marvin Eugene "Gene" Watson

November 1, 1933 - April 4, 2024

Marvin Eugene "Gene" Watson, 90, passed away on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital of a cardiac episode. Born on November 1, 1933, He was predeceased by his wife of 42 years, Wanda Lee Watson, who passed away in 2007 with lung cancer. Both were natives of Cashiers.

Mr. Watson was the son of the late Mitchell Lee and Leila May McCall Watson. He was predeceased by his brothers and sisters: Virgil, Fred, Duffy, Amy, Mildred, Lee, Carl, and Boyd Watson. He was a United States Air Force veteran who served during the Korean War. He spent most of his service time in Delaware.

After serving his country he was a self-employed automotive mechanic and owned a towing service with his wife, Wanda. You would find Wanda by his side when he went out on wrecks to assist. Many people met Gene when they would slide out of the many curvy and unstable roads and areas around Cashiers. He would be called to help with a flat tire, car trouble, as well as accidents. If he knew a person was unable to pay for his service, many times he would say, "don't worry about it" or "pay me what you can".

Being a mountain man he was tough, stubborn, hardworking, and knew how to live through tough times. He could fix anything because of his mechanical, determined mind. He had his first job at 8 years old to bring money into the

home with his parents.

Mr. Watson is survived by his daughter: Lisa Watson Young of Walhalla, SC; and grandchildren: Sarah Young Bolt (Jayme) of Nashville, TN and Blake Young of Temple, GA.

To follow Mr. Watson's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. The family is planning a Celebration of Life for friends and family in May. Details to be shared on Facebook.

The family will be at their respective homes.