



## Willard E. "Gene" Givan

January 16, 1933 - February 26, 2023

Willard E. "Gene" Givan, 90, of Indianapolis, passed away February 26, 2023. He was born January 16, 1933 in Indianapolis, Indiana to the late Willard S. Givan and Helen Warman Givan. Gene was a graduate of Thomas Carr Howe High School, Class of 1951. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1952-1956 aboard the U.S.S. Pickaway during the Korean War. Gene married Marcia N. Pierce on August 22, 1954 and she preceded him in death December 27, 2021. He was a Sergeant with the Indianapolis Police Department for over 20 years, retiring in 1978. Gene was a member of the Fountain Square Church of Christ, F.O.P. #86, and V.F.W. #2999. He was instrumental in forming reunions for his fellow military midshipmen. Visitation will be Monday, March 6, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street.

Gene is survived by his devoted daughter, Vicki L. Leverenz (Jeff); granddaughters, Melissa Duke and Kaleigh Kern; great-grandchildren, Gabi and Tegan Duke; brother, Robert Givan; and sister, Linda Brown (Mike).

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46229

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
9606 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229  
(317) 897-9606  
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAR 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Givan family we were so sorry to learn of Gene's passing. We are Don and Alice Anderson, USS Pickaway 222 reunion friends. Thanks to Gene's extensive efforts to keep the annual reunion going for all the great men who served aboard her, we were able to attend many reunions. Don went aboard the ship just after Gene had served and found it to be a second home. Gene was very appreciative of the care given to both him and Marcia by all your family. He kept in touch with Don on a regular basis and we will both miss him calling us to see how we were doing.

Don & Alice Anderson - June 13, 2023 at 01:49 PM

PJ

“ Vicki, we are Jan and Paul Johnson, friends of your family from Racer's hockey days. Truly sorry to hear of the passing of Gene! He was a special person, as you all were! God blessed us with a lot of friends from those years, and you were some of the best. God bless you!

Paul & Jan Johnson - March 22, 2023 at 09:27 PM



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Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - March 06, 2023 at 02:43 PM

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“ Vicki, we're so sorry to hear about Sonny. We have so many fond memories of all your visits throughout the years. Sending you lots of love and keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers now and days to come. Love you always,  
Susan and Shane Corum

Susan - March 05, 2023 at 08:34 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Willard E. "Gene" Givan.



March 03, 2023 at 06:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Willard E. "Gene" Givan.



March 03, 2023 at 05:14 PM

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“ Gary and Joleen Leverenz purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Willard E. "Gene" Givan.



Gary and Joleen Leverenz - March 01, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Willard E. "Gene" Givan.*



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February 28, 2023 at 07:37 PM



“ *Willard or Willy as I called him was in my graduation class of Dec 58, we liked to keep in-touch with each other the past couple of years, lots of laughs and jokes, now I am the last member of that class alive, going on 89, but still kicking I'll miss Willy and our conversations, GOOD BLESS HIM. R.K.Andersen class of 58.*

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**R.K.ANDERSEN** - February 28, 2023 at 01:40 PM