



Max Hughes

August 11, 1931 - June 25, 2021

On June 25, 2021, Max Hughes joined his beloved wife of 60 years, Joyce, who preceded him in death in 2018. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Max's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

On August 11, 1931, Max was born in Fola, West Virginia, one of 16 children. At the age of 17, he quit school to join the United States Air Force and left West Virginia for the first time with nothing but the clothes on his back. Max thrived in the Air Force, completed his GED, took every educational course he could get into, especially learning advanced electronics, and obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant by the end of his four-year enlistment. He served with distinction in Korea. Max's final duty station was Biggs Air Base in El Paso, TX. Max would eventually settle in Roswell, which would enable him to meet the love of his life, Joyce, and start a family. With a love of flying and airplanes from the Air Force, he obtained a private pilot license, and he flew many times around New Mexico with Joyce. She shared his love of adventure.

Max worked road construction for over 40 years, starting as a laborer and working his way up to General Superintendent at Armstrong Construction through dedication, hard work and successful mastery of his craft. In addition, the Air Force electronics training equipped him to maintain a lifelong interest and to be able to build desktop computers from scratch.

Max was very outgoing and, at times, could be very mischievous. However, he touched all the lives of the many workers he supervised and their families while working road construction. It was not uncommon for him to be stopped

in stores or even airports by prior employees and thanked for his support. Max was quick-witted, faster to smile and loved to laugh. Max was very protective of his family and would do anything for all of them. He will be sorely missed as there is now a hole in our lives. Max will forever be in our thoughts, our hearts and the life lessons he taught.

Left behind to treasure Max's memory are his three sons: Robert Gibson of Dallas TX, Johnny Hughes of Roswell NM, and Terry Hughes of Mountain Home ID and their respective spouses: Buddy Casey, Laurie Hughes and Becky Hughes; one granddaughter, Jessica Hughes; two twin grandsons: Cody and Cory Hughes; two great-grandsons: Carson and Jaydon Hughes; as well as his four sisters: June, Mary, Karen and Frances.

Max was preceded in death by his wife Joyce and both of his parents.

A viewing will be at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Thursday, July 1, 2021, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Graveside services will be held at South Park Cemetery, Roswell, NM, on Friday, July 2, 2021, at 10:00 AM. Tim Arlet of Kindred Hospice will officiate.

Flowers are respectfully accepted and may be sent to the service location or a donation made in honor of Max Hughes to a favorite charitable organization of one's choice.

Max's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 1. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
2609 South Main
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5888
abfh@andersonbethany.com

Graveside Service

JUL 2. 10:00 AM (MT)

South Park Cemetery
3101 South Main St
Roswell, NM 88203

Tribute Wall



“ *Max Hughes*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Rest in peace, Dad. We will carry your love and life lessons all of our days. Hoot*

Robert Gibson - July 01, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ *I've so many wonderful childhood memories of Max's visits to West Virginia; he was a highlight of every summer, and a wonderful (great) uncle. Somehow he seemed to exude more energy than the 12 year old version of myself. Max's family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Leonard D. Brown (Lennie) - July 01, 2021 at 01:50 AM



Thanks so much, Lenny. Dad spoke so fondly of you often. Hoot

Robert Gibson - July 01, 2021 at 11:26 AM



Thank you Lenny! I hear a lot of you from your Mom and Dad. Come visit sometime!

Laurie Hughes - July 02, 2021 at 12:26 AM

AA

“ Max was such a sweet and caring man, I had the honor to be able to assist him and care for him till his last days at the Beehive . He always put a smile on my face & made me laugh we had some good laughs and conversations together! He will be dearly missed Rest In Peace my sweet max & I pray the lord puts his hands over his family to help get them through this tough time !



Astazha Arellano - June 29, 2021 at 11:24 PM

LH

We Thank You! You are a True Blessing! ❤️ I hope we see you Friday!

Laurie Hughes - June 30, 2021 at 12:15 AM

AA

I will definitely be there to pay my respects !💕💕

Astazha Arellano - June 30, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Max Hughes.



June 29, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Max Hughes.



June 29, 2021 at 08:28 PM

BD

“ *To the Hughes brothers and family we are sorry for your lost of your dad. He was our neighbor from across the street. He will be missed dearly.*

Billy and Betty Duran - June 29, 2021 at 07:30 PM

LH

Thank you for all your help! We hope to see you Friday!

Laurie Hughes - June 30, 2021 at 12:18 AM

BD

“ *Billy And Betty Duran lit a candle in memory of Max Hughes*



Billy and Betty Duran - June 29, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Max Hughes.*



June 29, 2021 at 06:44 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Max Hughes.*



June 29, 2021 at 06:03 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Robert H Gibson - June 29, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory - June 29, 2021 at 12:56 PM