



Charles Earl Hiigel

October 5, 1922 - September 24, 2019

Charles Earl Hiigel LCDR, USN Ret. passed away Tues. Sept. 24, 2019, at 96 years old. He was born Oct. 5, 1922 in Aberdeen S.D. Charlie was most proud of his service as a naval aviator in WWII and the Korean War, assigned to aircraft carriers U.S.S. Hornet, U.S.S. Lexington and U.S.S. Philippine Sea. He was awarded three Distinguished Flying Cross medals. Charlie was preceded in death by his wife, Bea, of 59 years. He is survived by son Charles Hiigel, daughters Sharon Hiigel and Chris DeFreitas, son-in-law Dennis DeFreitas and grandsons Mitch and Nic DeFreitas. Special thanks to Alex and his staff Bernie, Ray, Rose, and Beth at Everspring Retirement Home for their wonderful support and care during the last 3 years. At Charlie's request there will be no service.

Cemetery Details

Chapel of the Light Cemetery

1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Earl Hiigel*

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“ *I'm a year late in responding to this. This is the other Charles Hiigel, son of first cousin Lewis E. Hiigel. It's good to see this photo of Charles, as it is easy to see that he and my Dad, who died in 2017 at the age of 93, are related.*

I have lived in San Luis Obispo since the 1970s, and regret that I never managed to seek out Charles and Bea in Fresno. Members of the Hiigel family visiting the coast of California are always invited to visit.

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