



## Ralph Milton Gignac, Jr.

October 13, 1940 - May 13, 2025

Ralph Milton Gignac, Jr. "Butch", 84 of Denver, NC and formerly of Wayne, MI, passed away surrounded by his family Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

He was born in Dayton, OH to the late Dr. Ralph Milton Gignac, Sr. and Margaret Wheat Williamson.

After graduating high school, he completed his apprenticeship at Public Tool and Dye.

Butch enjoyed every minute of his 25-year career at Ford Motor Co. where he worked as a Tool and Dye maker at the Rouge Plant in Detroit. With a gleam in his eye he would tell many stories of his shenanigans with his lifelong friends and co-workers from Ford.

Ralph was also a licensed amateur radio operator.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Williams Millsaps; brother, Rippley "Happy" Gignac.

Those left to cherish Butch's memory are half-brothers, Chris Gignac (Charlene), Dr. Mark Gignac (Gina); children, Louis Robert Gignac, LuAnne Pate (Kevin), Scott Major (Ronnie).

A Celebration of Life will be held by the family at his home at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tunnels to Towers or Wounded Warrior Project.

The family would like to extend a sincere appreciation and thank you to all the care givers, nurses, physicians and friends for their unwavering compassion and supportive care that they provided. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville is proudly serving the Gignac family.  
Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ralph had so many amazing experiences that he would sometimes share with me. From growing up as the son of a doctor, to his army days and his history with Ford Motor Company, his life was fascinating. He was humble enough that he would laugh at me saying this, but he really should have written a book. His wry sense of humor will be missed, but I know he is with those he loved in life. Ralph was the most charming curmudgeon you'd ever want to know. Rest in peace, my good man. Blessings to the family who will miss him dearly.* dory

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