

Merle Lee Giles

• *sunrise*: July 4, 1939 • *sunset*: February 17, 2025

Merle Lee Giles, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and proud veteran, passed away peacefully on February 17, 2025, at the age of 85. As the proud American he was, he entered this world on the Fourth of July, and he departed on President's Day.



Born on July 4, 1939, Merle dedicated his life to service, spending 20 years in the U.S. Navy before retiring with honor. Following his military career, he continued his commitment to public service, working for the Federal Civil Service and later retiring from the Valley Transportation Authority.



Beyond his professional life, Merle found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He cherished gardening alongside his beloved wife, Patricia, and shared a deep love for his dogs. His warmth, dedication, and steadfast spirit will be dearly missed by all who knew him.



Merle is survived by his wife, Patricia Giles; his son, Tony Giles, and daughter-in-law, Yeki Giles; his grandson, Ron Giles, and Ron's wife, Johanna Monterrosa; his sister, Martha Pierson; and his brother, Timothy Giles.

