



2620 West Main St. Barstow CA 92311

October 31, 2022

Dear Friends and Dealers,

It is with great sadness that I write this letter. My Uncle and founder of Diamond Pacific Tool Corporation, Bill E. Depue, has passed away at the age of 96. Sometime in the years of 1969 to 1971, Bill and his lifetime friend George Ujihara made the Tiara diamond grinding wheel and started Gem-Tech Diamond Tool Company. Bill and George decided to split the company on January 1, 1973, and Diamond Pacific Tool Corporation was born. We switched the names of the grinding wheels to Galaxy wheels, and we manufactured the Genie, Pixie, & Titan. In 1976 Bill developed the Nova polishing wheel, which has changed the game in the lapidary industry. This has led us to where we are today. Our company turns 50 years old in a couple of short months.

What does this mean for Diamond Pacific? We feel that while there will be some changes, we are striving to keep things as simple as we can. I Don Depue am getting ready to retire in January, so I will be handing things down to my three sons, Brian, Kevin, and David. They all have over 20 years' of experience in the business, and they will be able to keep the torch burning. I do not see this being an issue for Diamond Pacific in the future.

Yours truly,

Don Depue  
President  
Diamond Pacific Tool Corp.

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE HONORING BILL DEPUE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2022

**Time:** 10 AM to 1 PM

**Place:** Diamond Pacific Tool Corporation  
2620 W. Main St., Barstow, CA 92311

**Program:** 10 AM to 1 PM – Buffet Lunch

11 AM – Welcome and eulogy

11:15 AM – Friends share stories and memories

**RSVP:** Sunday, November 20, 2022

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We welcome all Bill's friends to share their fond recollections and experiences with him in an online guest book at the URL below or scan the QR code at right.



[lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/laRatcs/billdepue](http://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/laRatcs/billdepue)



January 14, 1926 ♦ October 22, 2022

We are heartbroken at our loss but joyous for Bill's long, productive life, his boundless generosity of spirit, and his friendship. Please join us in celebrating him.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to your local Gem & Mineral Society in Bill E. Depue's name. That is what he would have preferred.