

Travis-Noe Funeral Home

Big enough to serve, small enough to care.



Earl Eugene "Gene" VanGilder

July 5, 1953 - May 6, 2013

Earl Eugene "Gene" VanGilder, 59, of Kirksville, Missouri, passed away Monday (May 6, 2013) at his home under Hospice care.

The son of Earl Lloyd and Mabel Irene (Curwick) VanGilder, he was born July 5, 1953 in Kankakee, Illinois. On December 31, 1988 in Bradley, Illinois, Gene was united in marriage to Tammy Lynn Larsen.

Gene is survived by his wife Tammy of twenty-four years; his mother, Mabel Irene VanGildeer of Kankakee, IL; one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Sabrina Larsen of Troy, MO; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Everett and Margert VanGilder of Piper City, IL, Fred and Marsha VanGilder of Bradley, IL, Raymond and Sharon VanGilder of Bonfield, IL, and Kevin VanGilder of Kankakee, IL; three sisters and three brothers-in-law, Joyce and Dan Benjamin of Kankakee, IL, Bonnie and Jack Kohn of Manteno, IL, Bonita and Glenn Morton of Wisconsin; one sister-in-law, Debbie VanGilder of Buckingham, IL; and three grandchildren, Shayne Robert Larsen, Gabriel Reece Larsen, and Mason Dale Larsen all of Troy, MO, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father; two brothers, Roger and Vernon VanGilder and one sister-in-law, Lorita Larsen.

Gene was employed as a caregiver for Ellendel ISL, and last worked for Richards Used Cars as a salesman. He also loved working on lawn mowers, fishing, and watching wrestling.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Wednesday (May 8, 2013) with family receiving friends one hour before in the chapel of Travis-Noe Funeral Home in Kirksville.

Interment will follow the service at Highland Park Cemetery in Kirksville.

E-Memorial Book and Condolences

Signed by: Jodi Papineau on May 9, 2013

Gene was a life long friend. He always was happy and had a smile on his face. He adored Tammy and Robbie and spoke about them all the time. He will be missed but always remembered fondly!

Tammy, Robbie and family, our deepest condolences for your loss!

George and Jodi Papineau

Signed by: Nicole Hansen on May 10, 2013

We love and will miss u lots Uncle Gene!!! Love nikki, jared, & alexzander