



Gene Ray Roberts

April 25, 1930 - May 20, 2020

Gene Ray Roberts passed from this life on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 in Shawnee, Oklahoma at age 90. Gene was born on April 25, 1930 in Granite, Oklahoma to Ellis Ray Roberts and Myrtle May (Cooper) Roberts. He lived in Granite Oklahoma until he was five years old then he and his family moved to Oklahoma City. In his early teen years, he accepted Jesus as savior while attending a church of Christ revival. He attended elementary school and went on to graduate from North West Classen High School. Shortly after his 18th birthday Gene joined the United States Army and served in the Korean War, he was honored with many medals and commendations, remarks from the Army separation personnel officer was his conduct and efficiency was excellent. Soon after his return home from service in May of 1952 Gene and his parents were visiting the home of his cousin J.E. Smith and there he seen a graduation picture of J.E.'s wife's younger sister Wilma LaDean Litton. Gene was so struck just by seeing her picture that he talked them out of it and took with him that evening. Gene married Wilma the one and only love of his life on December 24, 1952 in Granite and to this union of 63 years was born two sons, Ricky and Rodney. He soon went to work for Wonder Bread and Hostess cake as an area sales manager, in the summer of 1969 he accepted a new position requiring the relocating of his family from Oklahoma City to Lubbock Texas. There he successfully launched and managed a new multi city sales territory and managed delivery routes for a large area in west Texas, due to this there was never a shortage of free Twinkies at his house so the

boys made a lot of new friends quickly. After spending eight years in Texas he again was offered another management position and they returned to Shawnee Oklahoma. After 43 years with Wonder Bread and Hostess cake Gene retired, he found himself not ready to completely retire and continued worked for another 11 years driving a school bus for the McCloud schools and Shawnee Vo-tech that he really liked. Gene always enjoyed talking and being around people, he also had many heart felt passions, he enjoyed playing golf sometimes, or at least the club house gathering afterwards, dancing with Wilma, and especially in his younger days Gene enjoyed playing his guitar and singing country and western music for just about any size crowd. Gene really loved football and was an avid OU fan. Gene is survived by his two sons; Ricky Gene Roberts of Shawnee, Rodney Ray Roberts and wife Tammie of Shawnee; two brothers; Jerry Wayne Roberts of Oklahoma City; Ricky Bob Roberts of Denver, Co; one sister; Sondra Meehan and husband Tom of Danville CA; his two grandchildren; Monty and Destiny and three great grandchildren; Nolan, Jonesy, Kamden and a host of other relatives and friends. Gene was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Wilma LaDean Roberts.

Graveside services for Gene are scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2020, 2:00 P.M. at Rock Cemetery in Granite, Oklahoma. The family will receive friends also Tuesday, May 26, 2020 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. at People's Cooperative Funeral Home located at 1400 W. Main Street, Lone Wolf, Oklahoma 580-846-9018.

Online condolences for Gene can be made by visiting www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



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“ *Gene Ray Roberts*

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“ *Gene Ray! Oh, such sweet memories. It was long ago but in my heart it feels like yesterday. My first thoughts are Gene and Wilma were great friends with my Mom and Dad, he is my Momma's cousin and a dear friend to my Daddy. ❤️ When I was a little girl, I remember Gene and Daddy playing guitar and singing and I thought they were the greatest in the world. And handsome too! They were my heros. Our families spent a lot of time together. Ricky and Rodney, I know you have good memories and I hope and pray the memories bring comfort. I always smile when I think of Gene. RIP Gene!*

Love from Donna Carpenter Snow

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Lots of great memories for the Carpenter family with Gene and Wilma. I am so happy that my mother, Donna and I were able to visit with Gene and Wilma on our last trip to OK. Ricky and Rodney are in our prayers and we hope you have great memories of your time together.

Gary Carpenter

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