



Eugene Arlo McGarey

August 25, 1936 - September 28, 2018

Eugene Arlo McGarey, of Charlotte, a quiet man with a passion for fishing, passed away on September 28, 2018 in Lansing, MI, at the age of 82. He was born on August 25, 1936 to Vernon and Ruth (Keiser) McGarey in Petoskey, MI. On June 9, 1962 he married Ruth Andrus in Angola, IN. Eugene worked at various auto assembly plants in Lansing, for General Motors until his retirement. After his retirement he joined the produce department at the Charlotte Meijer store where he worked for another 12 years until his second retirement.

Eugene was a quiet man, until he spoke about things he had a passion for. These topics included fishing, firearms and family. Like so many other fisherman he enjoyed trips to Canada, however his trips always included his wife Ruth, or family. On the topic of firearms, he was a model member of the NRA, developing a deep knowledge of guns of all kinds. He loved the outdoors not only for fishing and hunting, but also spending time in his personal orchard raising apples and pears that grew near his large vegetable garden.

Eugene was most proud of his family. His grandchildren softened his hard exterior. Eugene's close relationship with each one of them had a strong influence on his grandchildren, helping them grow into successful adults. Above all, Eugene would tell you that his best accomplishment was being

married to his late wife Ruth for 53 years before she passed away in 2014.

Eugene is survived by his daughter, Susan Cross; son, Michael McGarey; five grandchildren, Megan McGarey, Jamie Cross, Marissa McGarey, Jordan Cross, and Justin Cross; two sisters, Doris Scott, and Linda Schwartz; and two brothers Gordon McGarey, and Gary Auvinen

Visitation is Friday, October 5, 2018, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI. Funeral services are Saturday, October 6, 2018, 1:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI, with Rev. Duane Royston, officiating. If desired, the family suggests memorials to Michigan Pit Bull Rescue. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Eugene's Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **5.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

OCT **6.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Eugene Arlo McGarey



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 04, 2018 at 06:12 PM



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 05, 2018 at 05:13 PM



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“ I will miss your visits after your retirement. You always kept them entertaining.

Jeff Wills - October 02, 2018 at 10:45 PM



“ Gene, your family could not have said it better. I will never forget all the years of taking breaks together and enjoying your baking, especially your banana bread. Looking at you before knowing you scared me, but you were a kind and caring man. Your family was the top of your conversation, and then it was your dog. I will forever miss you...Deb

Deb Heacock - September 30, 2018 at 11:41 AM



Gene, you always knew how to make us laugh working in the produce dept. @ Meijer. I will always remember you talking about the importance of your family and of course instilling the work ethic in your grand-daughters, you set a perfect example of that! We will miss your weekly visits/shopping trips in Meijer. RIP Gene. ❤️

Bev Reed Louden - October 04, 2018 at 12:14 PM