

Eugene Gordon Royston

December 24, 1925 - October 1, 2016

Eugene G. Royston, 90, of Charlotte, MI died Saturday, October 1, 2016 at his home, in the care of his family, following a short illness. He was born December 24, 1925, in Ionia, Michigan, to Howard and Lilah (Houghton) Royston. He attended Charlotte schools and graduated from Charlotte High School in 1944. Eugene served in the U.S. Navy Seabees. While on leave from Great Lakes training, he married his high school sweetheart, Florence White. After his discharge, they resided on Wheaton Road where they raised four children; Jerry (Sue), Jill (Larry Walters), Jeffrey, and Joanne (Calvin Drozdak).

Eugene worked for several Charlotte area farmers, Skinner's Meat Market, Jay's Restaurant, the City of Charlotte, Jim Grier's Dairy, Charlotte Home Dairy, Fisher Body, and 22 years at Aluminum Extrusions. He enjoyed attending the annual Battalion Company 302 Navy reunions held all over the country. He was a lifelong NRA member. His hobbies included bowling, hunting, camping, riding his motorcycles and golfing. He was one of the original ten corporate members of Centennial Acres Golf Course in Sunfield, and helped with construction and mowing. In 1980 he got his first and only hole-in-one on the then hole No. 7. For years he drove down and back from Moorestown to play in the Monday morning senior league and Wednesday afternoon league.

Eugene lived for a short while at Bear Lake, in Kalkaska County, and then many years outside of Moorestown in Missaukee County before moving in 2010 to Thornapple Lake Road in Barry County.

When he stopped hunting deer, Eugene became the provider for several generations of deer and turkey that just happened to get into the "birdseed" he put out every day. Somehow a few cranes decided they liked it too, and also became regular partakers. He enjoyed being able to sit in his lounge watching the Tigers, or whatever other sport was on TV, and view the wildlife out the window.

Mr. Royston was preceded in passing by his parents; siblings, C.H. Royston, Gaylord (Ruth) Royston, Leona (Don Howard) and in-laws, John Dunning, Jerry Parsons, Robert Gingrich, Robert (Phyllis White) Goodrich, and Fred White. The surviving siblings are Colleen Gingrich, Virginia (O'Dell) Carlisle, Patricia Parsons and Jerry (Audrey) Crane. Besides his surviving children, are grandchildren; Tony Flintoft, Kristin (Brett Woodman) Royston, Corbin (Chrissy) Royston, Jeffrey (Kelly) Royston, and Jacob (Liz) Royston, Bryan (Maggie Sprik) Jackson, Brady (Sue) Jackson, Nicole (Scott) Jewell, Jenae (John) Arnold, Derek (Wanda) Drozdak, Karle (Jeramie Pell) Drozdak, Larry (Danielle) Baumchen, Brittany (Dave) Gratiot, Kelley Cranmore, Steve (Jenny) Lantrip; and 23 great grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 9, 2016 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI with Pastor Randy Royston officiating. An Ice Cream Social will follow. Visitation will be from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm just prior to the service.

Friends and family are encouraged to visit Eugene's tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com to share memories and condolences. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Eugene Gordon Royston*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 09, 2016 at 12:06 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Eugene Gordon Royston*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 08, 2016 at 02:16 PM



“ *So very sorry for your families loss. Gene was a pretty cool guy. You could not help but love him if you ever met him. He is up there in heaven with my Dad now cruisin' the golden streets on the golf cart! Again we are both very sorry for loss Jeff and Family....RIP Gramps Roxi and Jody Brohn*

Roxi Smith Brohn - October 09, 2016 at 04:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eugene Gordon Royston .*



October 09, 2016 at 07:28 AM



“ *We are sorry for your loss sending prayers to you Dan and Fay Lantrip*



Fay Lantrip - October 09, 2016 at 12:37 AM

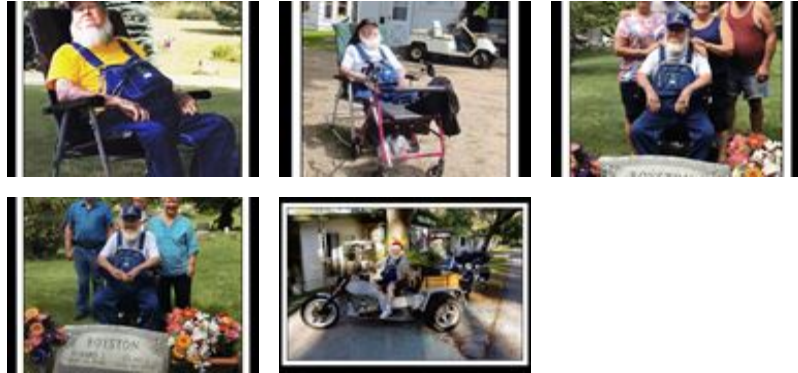


“ *Eugene was the best father in law a girl could ask for. He treated me great right from the first time I met him. He was always full of conversation and would have a story to tell. He has meant a lot to me over the years and I love him and will miss him. We have another guardian angel looking over us. RIP wonderful loving man. Sue R.*

Sue Royston - October 08, 2016 at 11:55 PM



“ 42 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 08, 2016 at 02:08 PM



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William Howard - October 04, 2016 at 02:34 PM



So sorry for the passing of this awesome man, hugs to his family, Annette Simpson

Annette Simpson - October 06, 2016 at 11:59 AM



“ *Ron Howard sent a virtual gift in memory of Eugene Gordon Royston*



ron howard - October 04, 2016 at 09:43 AM

RH

“ I remember Eugene as being full of fun & laughter & piss & vinagar.
So sorry for your loss. Ron H

ron howard - October 04, 2016 at 09:42 AM

 Terri Whaley

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love to all, Terri Whaley

Terri Whaley - October 03, 2016 at 09:25 AM

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“ Kathleen Flores sent a virtual gift in memory of Eugene Gordon Royston



Kathleen flores - October 03, 2016 at 03:55 AM

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Hugs to uncle Eugene family💕💕💕

Kathleen flores - October 03, 2016 at 03:57 AM

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“ Kathleen Flores lit a candle in memory of Eugene Gordon Royston



Kathleen flores - October 03, 2016 at 03:43 AM

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“ *I didn't know Gene, but my friend Nikki speaks often of her grandpa and all the things he taught her and the adventures up north with her cousins. I'm sorry for your family's loss.*

LuAnn Frost - October 02, 2016 at 12:31 PM