



Eugene Earl Russell

May 31, 1943 - April 28, 2009

Eugene Earl Russell, 65 of Olivet, MI, formerly of Tipton, IN, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at his residence after a short battle with cancer. Mr. Russell was born May 31, 1943 in Knoxville, Tennessee. Gene started his working career for Gus Tebbe, and later worked for the County Highway Commission in Tipton, IN, before moving to Michigan. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. His favorite pastime was spending quality time with his family. Gene married the love of his life, Linda L. Shumaker on May 8, 1970, in Tipton, IN. She survives. He is survived by daughter, Tanya (Jared) Wonnacott of Olivet, MI; grandchildren, Nathan and Elana of Olivet, MI; mother, Pauline Perkins of Coldwater, MI; brothers, Wayne (Donna) Russell of Dale, IN, Tony (Diane) Hubbard of Bronson, MI, Thomas (Kathy) Perkins of Battle Creek, MI; sisters, Linda (Richard) Gillespie of Coldwater, MI, Carolyn (Mark) Day of Tipton, IN and Robbin Perkins of Battle Creek, MI. He was preceded in death by his sister Nancy (Perkins) Sayles and infant nephew, Joey Sayles. Gene was a very loving man and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2009 at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Rich Russell officiating. Visitation will be Friday, May 1, 2009 from 2:00 ♦" 4:00 and 6:00 ♦" 8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My father was a loving and caring person who is going to be missed by all who knew him. I am grateful that i can call gene my father. there are not enough words to express how i feel about my daddy. In his eyes i was always daddys little girl and even tho i am grown and he is no longer with us i'll always be daddys little girl. im am glad that my father got to spend time with his two grandchildren nathan and elana. I miss my dad greatly and his memory will live on in my heart for the rest of my life. I miss and love you daddy*

tanya wonnacott - May 01, 2009 at 11:26 AM

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“ *My prayers go out to each and everyone of you, We have lost a Sweet and Wonderful person. Gene has been father to all his siblings over the years. And was a god send to me. If it wasn't for Gene and Linda, I would not have graduated High School, Gene and Linda took me in and let me stay with them, if it hadn't been for Gene's kind and caring heart for his family members, I don't know what I would have done or where I would have been today. Gene, you will be so missed by me. You now go to be with our Lord, My Mom,Helen; Your Sister, Nancy and nephew, Joey; and all the other family members that went before you. They have made a place with your name on it, just waiting for you there. I have all the memories tucked in my heart, that I will cherish forever of you. RIP my cousin, I Love You.*

Melody Ann Ireland - May 01, 2009 at 03:45 AM