



Gene Ferd Spitz

September 3, 1946 - August 23, 2020

Gene Ferd Spitz, a happy family man with a bit of a feisty streak, passed away at his home in Lake, Michigan on Sunday, August 23 following a short battle with cancer. Gene was born in San Fernando, CA in 1946. Gene's family moved to Michigan when he was an infant. Gene worked for General Motors in Lansing, Michigan. He started as a staff member in the cafeteria at Fischer Body and worked his way into the transportation department for Oldsmobile, driving truck and delivering parts to the Olds plant. He retired from General Motors in 1997 after 32 years.

While working at the Fischer Body cafeteria a co-worker, Virginia Thompson, encouraged Gene to meet her daughter Sherry. Sometime later in 1966, they were married in Lansing. Together they made their home in Holt, where they raised their two daughters Jennifer and Kelly. Gene's family remembers many great times. There were trips to Tennessee to visit Sherry's relatives and one memorable trip to Disneyland in CA. After the children were grown, there were trips with other family members that included a long trip to the west coast of the United States. There were also family times spent on snowmobiles, dune buggies, and boats.

After his retirement Gene and Sherry moved to Charlotte and wintered in Haines City, Florida where Gene was always up for a game of poker, shuffleboard, or pool. He had a ready smile and was quick to strike up a

conversation. Many will remember that Gene was never afraid to speak his mind. Many summer days were spent at Eight Point Lake near Lake, Michigan with family and friends. In recent years they sold their home in Charlotte and moved their residence to Lake.

Gene had a love of card games from childhood that developed into a hobby of gambling for fun; that made him a frequent visitor to Firekeeper's and Soaring Eagle Casinos. His last visit to Soaring Eagle was less than a week before he died.

Above all else Gene loved his family. He was as comfortable with his wife's side of the family as he was with his own. They would all tell you, however, that he was most proud of his grandchildren Hailey, Alissa, Madison, Skylar, Zachary, and Cameron, and his great-granddaughter Emerie.

Gene is survived by his wife, Sherry, his two daughters Jennifer (Christopher) Sible, and Kelly Spitz; his six grandchildren and great granddaughter; seven brothers and two sisters; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will be holding a life celebration on Saturday 8/29/2020 from 1-4pm at the Limauro residence, 6449 Sherman Road, Charlotte, MI.

Friends are encouraged to support Gene's family either at the services, or online through Gene's Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneralHome.com
If desired the family suggests memorial contributions to Sherry Spitz 10974 Rock Road, Lake, MI 48632 or a charity of your choice. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **29**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Inactive - The Limauro residence, 6449 Sherman Road, Charlotte, MI.

Tribute Wall

PA

“ *This comes from the Hayden and Mainprize families of the pole barn across the road in Lake. Gene will be soooooo missed at the lake. We enjoyed visiting with him often and he always took care of things when we were not there.*

Blessings and prayers go out to his family

Pat - August 26, 2020 at 06:42 PM

RS

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Will remember Gene from LRV. He was always ready to visit whenever we would see him. He will be missed. Prayers for the family.*

Ralph and Lunda Sanders - August 25, 2020 at 06:31 PM

MR

“ *Sherry and family,
We are so sorry to read of Gene's passing.
He loved to fish and Rick enjoyed trading fish stories with him. He will be missed here at LRV. We send prayers and hugs to all of you.
May God guide all of you through the journey ahead.
Rick and Marla Coy*



Marla and Rick - August 24, 2020 at 11:21 PM

TN

With sympathy in the loss of your loved one. As you go through this time of sadness Sherry always remember How much others care for you. Lots of prayers at this time.

Trudy Nagel - August 27, 2020 at 06:03 PM

JW

“ Sherry and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I didn't really talk with Gene much but I could tell he was a kind and gentle man. May your memories comfort you.

Judy Williams. former LRV resident

Judy Williams - August 24, 2020 at 10:08 PM

JH

“ Such a nice man always smiling he rented us his boat slip the last couple years so my kids could bring there boAt when visiting my prayers with the family he will be missed

Jim and deb halter - August 24, 2020 at 08:25 PM

GK

“ Dear Gene such a very nice person enjoyed playing cornhole and always enjoyed talking at Bingo or just out and about. U will be greatly missed. Deepest sympathy to Sherry and family 🙏🙏❤️

grace kerfoot - August 24, 2020 at 08:14 PM

BM

Thoughts and prayers for you all. Bob and Rita Maag

Bob and Rita Maag - August 25, 2020 at 07:32 PM