



Ronald Gene Robinson

July 22, 1948 - May 23, 2017

Ronald Gene Robinson, 68, of Olivet, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Gene was born July 22, 1948 in Concord, MI, the son of Harmon Junior and Bernice (Lafferty) Robinson. He graduated from Olivet High School before proudly serving in the Vietnam War as Army military police. Gene studied computer programming at Kellogg and later worked for DTN Management in Lansing where he managed properties and gravel pit operations. When the pit closed, he pursued his greatest passion, flight. Gene trained as a crop duster pilot and opened his own business, Robinson Aerial Spraying, which he operated with his sons and his wife. He flew for over 35 years, retiring in 2015. His yellow Ag Cat is known far and wide. Throughout his years in business, he developed countless friendships statewide in the agricultural community. Gene and his sons, Ron and Cam, also farm their own land in Olivet. Gene was a state champion roper and a member of the Michigan Ropers Association. He had many hobbies, including hunting and fishing and working on hot rod cars. Above all, he loved spending time with family.

Gene is survived by his wife, Paula Robinson; sons, Ron (Teresa) Robinson and Cam (Amanda) Robinson; daughters, Chantel Kapp Robinson and Kacie (David) Worgiss Robinson; grandchildren, Rachel, Nikki, Wyatt, Bryce, Makenzie and Brantley; siblings, Charlie (Judy) Robinson, Bereada (Dean) Houston, Lum (Evelyn) Robinson and Larry (Sheila) Robinson; and his honorary son, Colin Davis. He was predeceased by his parents.

A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Visitation will be from 3-5:00 p.m. and 7-9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at the funeral home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the VFW Wounded Warrior Project. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Gene on his tribute page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

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MAY 30. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald Gene Robinson*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 30, 2017 at 10:13 AM

SL

“ *We use to enjoy seeing him every year at MSU stallion expo. He will be missed.*

Roy and Sally Lloyd and family of Albion

Sally Lloyd - May 30, 2017 at 07:33 PM



“ *38 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - May 30, 2017 at 10:07 AM

BC

“ To my dear friend Gene Robinson, my wife and I will never forget the July weekend we spent in Marshall driving your prized 69 Superbee. You trusting me to sit behind the wheel and drive such an amazing car said everything about the man you are. You were trusting, honest and most of all respectful of those around you. I have never heard you say a bad word about anyone,,,,,again, it speaks volumes of the man you are! I will miss you my friend, and every burnout I do, you will be at the forefront of my mind.

bryan crawford - May 30, 2017 at 09:23 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Gene Robinson.



May 30, 2017 at 08:26 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Gene Robinson.



May 30, 2017 at 08:26 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Gene Robinson.



May 29, 2017 at 05:27 PM

MC

“ *MMP Imaging Center purchased the A Full Life for the family of Ronald Gene Robinson.*



MMP Imaging Center - May 29, 2017 at 12:24 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ronald Gene Robinson.*



May 29, 2017 at 09:31 AM

JM

“ *We & our children watched Gene's yellow plane fly over our house countless times over the years. We're saddened to hear of his passing & your loss.*

Jerry & Cindy Monroe - May 28, 2017 at 07:41 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Gene Robinson.*



May 27, 2017 at 05:49 PM

RG

“ Let me begin by saying, how thankful that I had the opportunity to had a great visit with Gene in November, when I came to go hunting with my brothers, and Gene and I went one nite for a beer and Hamburg at the lamplighters! I have lost a true friend! I will never forget you Gene!! Your life long friend!! Roger A Gingrich

Roger A Gingrich - May 27, 2017 at 01:31 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Gene Robinson.



May 26, 2017 at 04:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Gene Robinson.



May 26, 2017 at 12:50 PM

MH

“ mary dowding- harris purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Ronald Gene Robinson.



mary dowding- harris - May 26, 2017 at 09:16 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald Gene Robinson.*



May 26, 2017 at 07:19 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Gene Robinson.*



May 26, 2017 at 07:08 AM



“ *Uncle Gene's plane, I remember when I was younger when he would see my Mom's car he would tip his wings at her, and one time we were driving down Canal Rd and Gene (a very safe and experienced pilot) went low over our car, scared the living daylight out of my Mom and I, if I remember right we both screamed, I imagine Uncle Gene was in that plane just laughing!! I hope the memory of that day is a comfort to my Mom now. Her brother was playing with her, so fun loving and kind. Seeing his plane is a fresh reminder of that day. I also remember when I was young (under10) Uncle Gene giving me a ride in his plane, off the water at Narrow Lake. I felt special and rich that day. Lol. Now I know real wealth in our lives comes from our family and friends, as an adult I clearly see that. I am so thankful that my Uncle Gene is now with My precious Pawpa and Mawma, and I am in wonder of the beauty that is before him.*

Deena Bunce - May 25, 2017 at 11:10 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Gene Robinson.* ”



May 25, 2017 at 05:44 PM