



Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr.

June 5, 1943 - March 5, 2016

Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr., age 72, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Monday, March 14, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at Summit Evangelical Free Church in Alta, Iowa. Burial will be in the Grant Township Cemetery in rural Rodney, Iowa. Visitation will take place Sunday, March 13, 2016 from 5-8:00 p.m. at the church. In honoring Gene's legacy, donations may be made in his name to June E. Nylén Cancer Center, 230 Nebraska St., Sioux City, IA 51101 ~OR~ GoServ Global - Haitian Ministry, 310 E. Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr., the son of Alfred Eugene, Sr. and Josephine (Becker) Rasmussen was born in Carmel, California on June 5, 1943. As an infant, Gene moved to Cherokee, Iowa, while his father was serving his country in the United States Army.

After his father's discharge, the family moved to Sioux City, Iowa, where Gene lived his youth and received his education. He was a 1961 graduate of Sioux City Bishop Heelan High School. He attained the highest honor in Boy Scouts by receiving his Eagle Scout designation in 1960. Gene then attended the

University of Iowa for a period of time before he began an adventure of backpacking throughout Europe. He returned to the United States in 1964, and attended Omaha University and also sold Buicks for his uncle in Council Bluffs.

Gene met the love of his life, Pamela Poulos, in 1967 and on May 25, 1968, Gene and Pam were united in marriage at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Council Bluffs. This union was blessed with two children: Gena and Christian. Following their marriage, Gene and Pam lived in Council Bluffs where he was employed with Rasmussen Buick. In November of 1969, the Rasmussens purchased the Ford dealership in Storm Lake. They expanded their business to Cherokee in 1981. Automobiles were the focal point of Gene's lifetime.

Gene was committed to his vocation and his community. He served many years on the FDAF (Ford Dealer Advertising Fund) and he served as Storm Lake Rotary Club president and later transferred his membership to the Cherokee Rotary Club. He served two terms as co-chair of the Buena Vista University Community Campaign, belonged to the Storm Lake Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce, the Lakeside City Council, the S.L.O.B.S. (Storm Lake Organization of Boat Sailors), and was the IADA (Iowa Automobile Dealers Association) County Director from 1976 — 1998. Gene will be remembered for his love of sailing, reading, enjoying music, painting and being an avid gardener.

His life is honored and cherished by his family which includes wife, Pam of Storm Lake, Iowa; children: Gena Hamilton of Cherokee, Iowa; Christian and Michelle Rasmussen of Storm Lake, Iowa; his beloved grandchildren: Austin and Dylan Hamilton, Riley Rasmussen, and Elias and Gabriel Rasmussen, brothers: Marc (Sheri) Rasmussen of San Diego, California; Neil (Vicki) Rasmussen of Ruston, Louisiana; Philip (Diane) Rasmussen of Omaha, Nebraska; Tony Rasmussen of Grand Island, Nebraska; Martin (Christy)

Rasmussen of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Keith (Ruby) Rasmussen of Tucson, Arizona; sisters: Paula (John) Chicoine of Parker, South Dakota; Deanna (Bernie) Lacotta of Phoenix, Arizona; and Lorna (Ron) Ziller of Tracy, California; sister-in-law, Janice Rasmussen of Tucson, Arizona; many nieces and nephews; other extended family and many friends locally and throughout the country.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Victor and Perry; niece, Melissa Rasmussen, and nephew, Deric Rasmussen.

Blessed be the life and memory of Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Summit Evangelical Free Church
1000 S. Main St.
Alta, IA 51002

Service

MAR 14. 10:30 AM (CT)

Summit Evangelical Free Church
1000 S. Main St.
Alta, IA 51002

Interment

MAR 14 (CT)

Grant Township Cemetery -- rural Rodney, IA
Rodney, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr.*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 10, 2016 at 04:50 PM

KS

What an awesome tribute to my brother in law, Gene. Such great memories for Pam, Gena, Chris and their families to share for years to come. Jim and I truly enjoyed every minute of this video. Thank you!

Kathie (Poulos) & Jim Schweiss - March 10, 2016 at 06:37 PM

JP

Beautiful. He had a beautiful and full life. to watch this video and to see five generations of good loving famiy is so uplifting. Thanks for shareing.

jackie poulos - March 12, 2016 at 02:25 PM

BB

“ *Sorry to hear of Gene's passing. I worked with Ford Credit for 28 years and he always welcomed me when I came to the dealership. He will be missed greatly. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Barbara Bowers
Retired Ford Credit*

Barbara Bowers - March 14, 2016 at 01:46 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr..*



March 13, 2016 at 05:47 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr..*



March 13, 2016 at 04:29 PM



“ *Shad, Wendy, Ryland, Morgon and Jaslyn Schweiss purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr..*



Shad, Wendy, Ryland, Morgon and Jaslyn Schweiss - March 12, 2016 at 10:24 PM

CD

“ Pam,

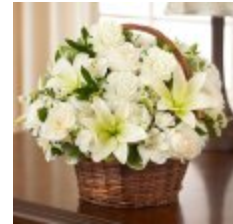
Kathie informed me of your husband's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. Although I never knew your husband, I still have fond memories of you in junior high and high school. May you be comforted by your children, grandchildren, other family and friends. My profound sympathy to you and yours. Thinking of you in the sad days ahead.

*Sincerely,
Connie Derry*

Connie Derry - March 12, 2016 at 08:27 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr..*



March 12, 2016 at 12:31 AM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - March 11, 2016 at 03:17 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr..*



March 11, 2016 at 10:14 AM



“ *Gene was a all-around great guy and will be remembered fondly by many. My deepest sympathies to his family and all the people who loved him.*

Kara Schweiss - March 11, 2016 at 09:09 AM



“ *Pam, Chris and family,*

I was so sorry to hear about Gene's passing. I thoroughly enjoyed working with him over the years. He was so gracious and I have very fond memories of him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Mary Knee
Ford Credit*

Mary Knee - March 11, 2016 at 08:55 AM



“ *So very very sorry to hear this Pam! He was a great guy! My heart goes out to you and the family! Your cousin Billy Grego! ❤️❤️*

Bill Grego - March 10, 2016 at 09:54 AM

KH

“ I'm thinking of you, Pam, and sending lots of love and hugs in this very difficult time. I had so much fun working for you and Gene back in the 80s. Wishing you beautiful memories of Gene to comfort you. Many blessings to you and your family. -Kim Stephan Hightower.



Kim Hightower - March 09, 2016 at 09:41 PM

SR

“ Scott Randall lit a candle in memory of Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr.



Scott Randall - March 09, 2016 at 04:16 PM

JF

“ Jan Carol Rasmussen, Janelle Litel, Andrew Wilt & families purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr..



Jan Carol Rasmussen, Janelle Litel, Andrew Wilt & families -
March 09, 2016 at 03:16 PM

SC

“ Star & Ken Cunneen purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr..



Star & Ken Cunneen - March 09, 2016 at 01:58 PM



“ *Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr..*



March 09, 2016 at 12:03 PM



“ *Gene Rasmussen Family,*

I was sadden to learn of the passing of Gene. Gene was a great partner to Ford Credit for many years and always opened his door to me when I made a visit. My thoughts and prayers will be with you, as you celebrate his life.

*Tom Evans
Ford Credit
Kansas City*

Tom Evans - March 09, 2016 at 08:10 AM



“ *Jim & Kathie (Poulos) Schweiss sent a virtual gift in memory of Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr.*



Jim & Kathie (Poulos) Schweiss - March 09, 2016 at 06:20 AM

LJ

“ Gene Rasmussen family,
We are sadden to learn about the death of Gene. Our prayers are
with you.

Larry Jeddelloh and staff
Jeddelloh Ford

Larry Jeddelloh - March 08, 2016 at 01:28 PM

JH

“ Jason Holtgrewe lit a candle in memory of
Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr.



Jason Holtgrewe - March 08, 2016 at 12:14 PM

FL

“ From the Team at Eau Claire Ford Lincoln
purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of
Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr..



From the Team at Eau Claire Ford Lincoln - March 08, 2016 at
10:50 AM

RM

“ Rick & Sherry Mohr purchased the In His Honor
Pedestal Arrangement for the family of Alfred
Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr..



Rick & Sherry Mohr - March 08, 2016 at 10:39 AM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr..*



March 07, 2016 at 04:23 PM



“ *Pam and Family,
I found a couple of pictures from years gone by. Lots of great memories of Gene from when we were neighbors in Lakeside, sail boat races, and trips to Las Vegas. He will be greatly missed.*



Margaret Redenbaugh - March 07, 2016 at 10:50 AM



“ *Jon & Stephanie Bang lit a candle in memory of Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr.*



Jon & Stephanie Bang - March 07, 2016 at 09:23 AM

HH

“ Heidi Howard lit a candle in memory of Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr.



Heidi Howard - March 07, 2016 at 08:05 AM

CH

“ So sorry to hear of Genes passing. He was a truly wonderful man



Connie Hartman - March 06, 2016 at 09:56 PM

JD

“ John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr.



John and Connie Demers - March 06, 2016 at 06:37 PM

JD

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Gene was a wonderful guy. RIP Gene.

John and Connie Demers - March 06, 2016 at 06:38 PM

SJ

Gene was a classy and fun guy! We shared some great times on our annual Ford trips. Our thoughts are with the family. Peace. Steve and Colleen Johnson

steven johnson - March 07, 2016 at 03:27 PM

MM

Pam and Family, I was so saddened to hear of Gene's death. Sympathy to you all....he was a great guy!!

Marilyn Milbrodt - March 08, 2016 at 04:37 PM

TD

Gene was my classmate at Heelan. Always friendly, cheerful, just a good guy! Not surprised he had such a good life. My condolences to all of you. Thoughts and prayers,

Tom Duggan - March 09, 2016 at 10:54 AM

JP

Gene was a great brother in law to me. I loved our visits to storm lake. Pam and Gene always made us feel so welcome. I have many great memories. He will be missed, but as long as we have the great memories , his will live on.

jackie poulos - March 12, 2016 at 02:41 PM

TB

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of my dear cousin Gene... My deepest condolences to his family... He will be deeply missed.*

Teresa Becker - March 06, 2016 at 10:51 AM

JP

“ *jackie poulos purchased the Sympathy Fruits Abound for the family of Alfred Eugene "Gene" Rasmussen, Jr..*



jackie poulos - March 05, 2016 at 11:45 PM