



Gene Allan Town

June 30, 1940 - June 19, 2013

Traverse City-Gene Allan Town, 72, of Traverse City died, Wednesday, June 19, 2013, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Born in Muskegon on June 30, 1940, he was the son of the late William Francis and Doris Ethel (Wheeler) Town. On November 4, 1961, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Conklin, he married his sweetheart the former Beverly J. Finkler.

Gene proudly served his country with the United States Air Force, before he was honorably discharged. He and his family moved to Traverse City in 1974, from Fruitport.. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Traverse City Eagles Club #313 and the Cone Drive Gear Quarter Century Club.

He was an avid outdoorsmen who also enjoyed playing cards and riding his motorcycle.

Raising six children, the Town's home proved to be the center point and gathering place for their many friends. Gene and his wife were always respected and looked up to by the friends of their children. Everyone was always welcomed in their home.

Gene was a staunch supporter and enjoyed watching his grandchildren during sporting events. He was always there for them.

He was employed by Cone Drive Gear from 1973 to 1999, where he worked as a machine repairman. He certainly enjoyed his work and the friendships he developed with his co-workers.

Gene was a man of strong convictions, determination, perseverance and was truly dedicated to his strong beliefs.

Gene is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Beverly J. Town, of Traverse City; children, Theresa Town, of Alpharetta, GA, Gregory Town, of Lake Ann, Timothy (Kara) Town, of

Traverse City, Linda Town, of Traverse City, Christopher (Kim) Town, of Traverse City, and Jennifer Town, of Farmington Hills and her fiancée, Jason McIntosh; his grandchildren who affectionately referred to him as "Poppy", Matt, Steve, Tyler, Kylie, Tia, Devin, Taylor and Brandon; sisters, Donna Stratton and Betty Morse both of Muskegon; along with many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his siblings, Gloria Montgomery, Clarence, Ronald, William and Emmet Town.

Friends may call at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home on Sunday, June 23, 2013, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., with a Scripture Service at 7:30 P.M.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Patrick Catholic Church on Monday, June 24, 2013, at 11:00 A.M., with visitation one hour prior to the service. Rev. Gregory McCallum will serve as the celebrant.

Cremation will follow.

In remembrance of Gene, memorial contribution may be directed to St. Patrick Catholic Church. Envelopes may be obtained either at the funeral home or church.

Kindly share your memories with the family on their online guestbook at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

Arrangements were made with the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery

Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens

3575 Veterans Drive

Traverse City, MI, 49684

Comments



“ Larry Zoulek lit a candle in memory of Gene Allan Town



Larry Zoulek - June 23, 2013 at 08:58 PM



“ One of my favorite memories is of the whole family getting together to go camping over the 4th of July every year. We always had so much fun running around, going fishing. I remember getting to stay at Uncle Al's house for the week before because Greg and I would always find away to convince them. Uncle Al it breaks my heart to think that you are now going. You will be dearly missed. When you get to heaven please do me a favor and give my dad a big hug and tell him I miss him and love him. I will miss you and love you to. Please be the one looking down on your family and keeping them safe. Love and miss you and until we see each other again.

Love Always, Dawn

Dawn Town - June 22, 2013 at 10:59 AM



“ Town Family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sorry for your loss. I recall your dad being at a lot of sports events.

Bill Connolly - June 22, 2013 at 10:17 AM



“ One of our best memories, was Greg, Tim & Bud Gray III racing stock cars at Crystal Motor Speedway, getting rain delay and having a great time in the pits! Watching Al & my husband, Bud Gray Jr doing a 3 legged race, sliding around in the mud, laughing so hard, and beating all the younger guys was priceless! We will miss you, Al. You were a great man with a big heart! Hugs to his family.....

Kim Gray - June 21, 2013 at 03:41 PM