



Louis "Gene" Bruffett

July 14, 1934 - September 19, 2019

Louis "Gene" Bruffett, Sr., 85, passed away September 19, 2019 at Spring River Christian Village in Joplin after a short illness. Gene was born July 14, 1934 in Carthage to Louis Allen and Clarice Bertha "Hooker" Bruffett. Gene Attended Anderson University for one year. In 1964, he received his Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education at Pittsburgh State University. In 1974, he received his Master's Degree in Elementary Administration, also at PSU. He attended Ozark Bible College for one year. Gene worked nine years at Duenweg Consolidated Elementary School #119 as a teacher, principle and bus driver. Then, for 27 years he was the assistant principle of Joplin Elementary. Gene enjoyed the lake, especially his lake home at Eagle Rock.

Gene was united in marriage to Doris Marilyn Watts on August 4, 1956 in Beulah, Kansas; she preceded him in death February 25, 1989. He was then united in marriage to Pam Jones; she preceded him in death as well. On May 23, 2008, he was united in marriage to Joanne Swango in Eureka Springs, AR; she survives.

Gene is also survived by one son, Gene Bruffett, Jr. (Debbie) of Carthage; two brothers, Paul Bruffett and Bob Bruffett (Susan), both of Jasper; one granddaughter, Chasie Stearnes (Kyle); one great grandson, Cooper Stearnes; four step-children, Jennifer, Stacey, Scott and Kara, as well as 13 step grandchildren.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Joe Bruffett; and one brother, Dick Bruffett.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 23, 2019 at Ulmer Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 2:00 p.m. Burial will be at Paradise Cemetery near Jasper.

Online condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Paradise Cemetery

Jasper, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home
1208 S. Garrison
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Service

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ Gene was a great guy! He always had a big smile and a handshake for you and was interested in what was going on with you. I looked forward to seeing him. Jeff Wilkinson

jeff wilkinson - September 21, 2019 at 09:48 AM

JP

“ New Gene through Joe / They were both good Men / The Lord will have his hands full now that those two are united again

Jerry Patterson - September 20, 2019 at 02:11 PM

NT

“ Gene is my next door neighbor. He is one of the nicest and kindest men I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. I will miss seeing you out in the yard man, by the way your grass looks great! It was a pleasure being your neighbor the last few years! Thoughts and prayers to your family!

Nick Tuck - September 20, 2019 at 11:36 AM

JK

“ Mr Bruffett was my fifth grade teacher in Duenweg Elementary. He always wore a suit and tie to school and was soft-spoken; a very kind man. I will always remember him and extend condolences to his family.

Janet (Smith) Kamen - September 20, 2019 at 10:58 AM

JW

“ In the early/mid 80’s I threw papers in the neighborhood near Gene’s house. My paper drop was at his house and he would often come outside and talk while I was getting ready. He was always super nice and left a lasting impression. My condolences to his family

joel wallsmith - September 20, 2019 at 08:35 AM

JP

“ I’m so sorry to hear this. He was my 6th grade teacher in Duenweg Elementary. He was famous for his corny jokes and we all looked forward to being in 6th grade so we could be in his class. He has touched the lives of so many. All of us “Duenweg kids” (now in our 50’s) remember him fondly.

Johna Pugh - September 19, 2019 at 09:32 PM

SG

“ He was my six grade teacher, he was very likable , even though he was so big for us elementary kids. I seen him just about 3 years ago and he remember me , we had a good conversation . He was a very good man .

Steve Grissom - September 19, 2019 at 08:57 PM