



Gene Charles Fredericksen

November 27, 1937 - February 26, 2020

Gene Charles Fredericksen, 82, of Channing, Michigan passed away on February 26, 2020 at his home in Channing.

Gene was born on Nov 27th, 1937, in Racine, Wisconsin, the first son of the late Frances and Dorothy (Terpstra) Fredericksen.

He was raised in Racine, WI and attended Kenosha Vocational School.

Gene was married to Carol Lotharius 1959-1977 and had 2 children. He was also married to Barbara VanOss 1977-1998 and added 3 more children to the family.

Gene moved to the UP as a millwright in the 60's then started in the oil business as a Jobber. He was a proud business owner, owning and operating several different businesses, starting with Fredericksen Oil Co, Inc in Channing, Michigan. He advanced to a Super Jobber with the acquisition of Nelson Oil in Foster City, McNeil's Mobil in Crystal Falls, and Nissen Oil Co in Florence, WI; also started up C & J Distributing in Florence, WI. Gene served as a director and board member of the Michigan Petroleum Association for many years. He enjoyed doing business in the area and loved his customers. He was always concerned about people being cold, spending many late and cold nights personally delivering fuel oil to those in need. He also played an integral part of assisting others in their business pursuits, providing support

and mentorship.

Gene retired in the early 2000's and has spent that time serving the local community in many ways. He was a member of the Crystal Falls Business Association and greatly enjoyed participating in and cooking at many local events such as the Fungus Fest and the Bass Festival. He was a member of the Crystal Falls Lions Club for many years, serving as King Lion for 2 years. He greatly enjoyed presenting scholarship awards to the local youth and working on Lions Club community projects.

Gene was a sponsor for many adult and youth sports teams and groups, some for over 25 years. He coached the Channing Railroaders baseball team for many years and was a long-time sponsor and advocate of the McNeil Oilers Basketball team. He has accumulated quite the trophy collection from all the winning teams he backed for so many years.

Gene enjoyed golf and bowling and participated in several leagues. He was a long-time participant and member of the American Bowling Congress and a member of the Crystal Falls Golf Club. He also enjoyed participating in draft horse competitions with the Wilderness Ridge Farms in Sagola, MI. He was a member of the Sagola Township Sportsmen's Club for many years and served as Treasurer and President. Gene was a member and current treasurer of the Sagola Township Senior Citizen Center and a member of the Chippewa Sno-Kats Trail Club. He was also a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Sagola.

Gene loved local high school sports. He rarely missed a game and loved working the 'chains' at the football games and will be missed cheering from the sidelines. He loved watching his children and grandchildren participating in local sports and activities.

Gene was honored to be the recipient of the Iron County Citizen of the Year Award in 2006.

He loved the Green Bay Packers throughout his life and was able to attend several Super Bowl games where he witnessed his team win. He also enjoyed traveling around the country and collecting coins and stamps.

In addition to his parents, Gene was preceded in death by his brother Allen, nephew Tim, first wife Carol, and special friend, Patricia McGregor.

Gene is survived by his 5 children, Jim Fredericksen, Dianne (significant other Martin Demeny) Krcmar, Stacey (Jason) Niskanen, Jacob (significant other Andrea Smiltneek) Smith, and Charles (Susie) Fredericksen; grandchildren, Michael Dumke, Sarah Fredericksen, Austin Murray, Evan Murray, Samantha Murray, Alexandra Smith, Karanda Smith, William Smith, and Marlana (Jacob) Klein; great grandchildren, Ezekiel Murray, Soren Hoke; brothers, Robert (Ruth) Fredericksen, Ronald (Michelle) Fredericksen; sisters, Karen (Brian) Gross, Sandy Kempfer, Nancy (Larry) Talley, and Gail Diel as well as many nieces and nephews and special friend Betty Tasson.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday March 14th at the Grace Presbyterian Church in Sagola. A memorial service will follow at 4 p.m. Pastor Ryan Flunker will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to the Crystal Falls Lions Club.

Condolences to the family of Gene Fredericksen may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net.

The family has entrusted to Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Crystal Falls with arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 2:00 PM - 3:45 PM (CT)

Grace Presbyterian Church
309 First St.
Sagola, MI 49881

Memorial Service

MAR 14. 4:00 PM (CT)

Grace Presbyterian Church
309 First St.
Sagola, MI 49881

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gene Charles Fredericksen.*



March 13, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to Jake and all of Gene's loved ones. May you find comfort in knowing you are not alone, you are surrounded by those who care for you. -The crew members of Guardian Flight & AMCN*

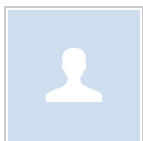
Carrie Bartel-Petrin - March 13, 2020 at 09:33 AM



“ *From the Fredericksen Electric crew purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Gene Charles Fredericksen.*



From the Fredericksen Electric crew - March 12, 2020 at 08:17 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gene Charles Fredericksen.*



March 11, 2020 at 05:11 PM

CH

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Gene's passing. For many years, he and I would talk in the fall and spring about the scholarship his group had for the seniors at West Iron County High School. It was always a pleasure to visit with him on the phone. We would talk about bird hunting and dogs. He always had an invite to Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner, though he never took me up on it. He was such a wonderful man. I knew when I finally really retired from West Iron, I would not hear from him and that did make me sad. There are others too, I miss chatting with about the scholarships they offered and about life in general. Gene will always be in my heart. I can still hear his answering machine message. Always cracked me up. I am so very happy to have been able to call him friend. My prayers go out to his family.

Chryss Harrington-Veirauch - March 05, 2020 at 10:11 AM

MK

“ Murray Grand kids purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Gene Charles Fredericksen.



Murray Grand kids - March 04, 2020 at 11:34 AM

SP

“ OMG my Deepest Sympathy for the loss of Gene. What a great man. Will miss him at the Senior Center. So sorry to family and Betty.



Susie Piatti - March 03, 2020 at 05:53 PM

GS

Sorry and shocked with Gene's passing. He was a very good man, a huge asset to his community and was one of the best members the Lions Club has ever had.. I considered him a close friend and I, and many others will miss him. My condolences to his family.

Gene Schiavo - March 09, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gene Charles Fredericksen.*



March 03, 2020 at 04:26 PM