



R. Korhonen

November 6, 1944 - May 30, 2013

Gene Raymond Korhonen, 68, of Crystal Falls, MI, passed away at his beloved lake house in Watersmeet, MI, on Thursday, May 30, 2013.

Gene was born to the late Uno and Lorraine (Sipponen) Korhonen on November 6, 1944 in Ironwood, MI. He graduated from Ironwood High School in 1963. Upon completing high school, he enlisted in the United States Army to serve his country in Vietnam. He arrived in Saigon on November 5, 1964 where he served in the 7th RRU, first Platoon, 101stRRC, and remained until May 1966 when he returned to Fort Bragg. Gene returned for another tour in October 1966, this time in Danang, where he remained until August 1967 at which time he returned to San Francisco to be honorably discharged from the service. At the time of his discharge he was ranked as E-5 Sergeant. After his discharge from the Army, Gene attended Gogebic Community College and Northern Michigan University receiving a Bachelor of Science in Finance, after which he started his banking career in Mercer, WI then in Ironwood, MI where he was the manager of D & N Bank for several years. Finding joy in his job, Gene began obtaining the licenses and certifications necessary to sell insurance and investments. He began his life as an insurance salesman when he accepted a position with Prudential in Ontonagon, MI before moving on to Lutheran Brotherhood of Dickinson and Iron counties where he continued until his retirement in 1997.

Gene married Lucy Vinoski on January 2, 1988 in Green Bay, WI. They recently celebrated their 25th anniversary surrounded by their loving family. Lucy remained by his side through his courageous 10 year battle with prostate cancer. Together they have three children.

Gene was a member of United Lutheran Church, Crystal Falls, MI, COMSEC ASA Division, member of the NRA and a life member of the Tufts-Rondon VFW Post 2891.

Gene was an avid outdoorsman who thrived when he was outside. His greatest passions were hunting and fishing, which were hobbies he strove to instill in his children. Just being on his boat brought an infectious grin to his face and he happily spent many hours perusing Boat Finder looking for just one more boat. Throughout his life, but increasingly towards the end, his lake house was the place that brought Gene peace, especially when joined by family, friends and his beloved pets. Animals flocked to Gene's gentle soul, and his love for them was apparent when he greeted them with a smile and a pat. No animals loved him more than those that were part of his family.

Gene is survived by his loving wife Lucy of 25 years; their three beloved children, Jessica Korhonen (Patrick Moore) of Gwinn, MI, James Korhonen of Marquette, MI, and Jonathon Korhonen (Dylan Elizabeth Powell) of Marquette, MI; five brothers, Wayne (Sophia) Korhonen of Bessemer, MI, Robert Korhonen of Gile, WI, William (Darlene) Korhonen of Bessemer, MI, David (Kathy) of Montreal, WI, Richard Korhonen of Ironwood, MI; one sister, Linda Kritz, Washburn, WI; Father and Mother in law Edward and Julia Vinoski of Ironwood, MI; brothers-in-law, John (Theresa) Vinoski of Green Bay, WI, Steve (Cindy) Vinoski of Chelmsford, MA, Jim (Volita) Vinoski of Lawrenceburg, IN, and Rich (Carla) Vinoski of Green Bay, WI; sisters-in-law, Teresa (Leroy) Moats of Staunton, VA, Michelle Vinoski of Superior, WI; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews who he loved dearly. He is also

survived by three children from a previous marriage, Bradley Korhonen and his children Mason and Hailey of Ironwood, MI; Douglas (Gail) Korhonen of Montreal, WI; and Timothy (Joe) Oddo of Las Vegas, NV.

In addition to his parents, Gene was preceded in death by a sister-in-law Trina Korhonen and a brother-in-law David Kritz.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 5, 2013 from 11 am to 1 pm at United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls. A memorial will begin at 1 pm. Rev Micheal Laakko, Rev Arthur Weiss and Rev Carl Lund will be officiating. The Eastside Veterans council will conduct a Pass-and-Review with military honors immediately prior to the service.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.nashfuneralhome.net. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Iron County Cancer Unit, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, or a charity of your choice.

The family has entrusted Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

NF

“ Dear Lucy and family,
I am sad to hear of the loss of your dear husband and father, Gene.
I know your faith is strong and will carry you through this most
difficult time. God is good. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love and hugs!
Nancy

Nancy Imm - Chassell, MI - friend from FLLC - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Dear Lucy & family, my thoughts are with you all. You've always
kept a smile everytime I've seen you in town - it's hard to do when
your loved one is ill. Hopefully each day ahead will get a little easier.
Take care!

Chrissie Heimerl - Amasa, MI - acquaintance - June 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Hey Lucy, I am so sorry for your loss. I will pray for you and your
family. It was so nice to see you, you Father and Mother, at my the
Church In January. Please give your family my love.

Alan Graykowski

Alan Graykowski - Helotes, TX - Friend - June 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Hi Lucy and family,

I am thinking of you and you and your children have my sympathy. May God give you peace as you grieve the loss. Take time to relive memories. When you feel like doing baskets, please let me know. We can create together. May God bless you. Marilyn

Marilyn Phillips - Kingsford, MI - Art Camp friend - June 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We send our sympathy and our love during this time. We know that Gene's graduation into eternal life will leave a huge hole in your lives. Yet we are secure in the knowledge that this is not the end, only a beginning for him. Please know we are thinking of you during this time.

Debra. Steve and Michael Rhoades - crystal Falls, MI - friend - June 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ To all of Gene's family....I am so sorry for your loss. Gene's family and my family were neighbors growing up....I was a classmate with Gene's sister Linda. I also worked with Gene at the Gogebic National Bank years ago. I will fondly remember the years as neighbors and years working together with Gene. He was a good and kind man. Sincerely, Beth Brottlund Peterson

Beth Brottlund Peterson - Bessemer, MI - Old neighbor - June 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“*Jess and Family: I am sorry for your loss. Paul, Patrick, and my thoughts and prayers are with you all. God is now taking care of him, and he will be looking after you. I never got to meet Gene, but, I am sure it would have been a wonderful experience. I remember when I lost my mom 4 years ago, I never knew anything could hurt so bad, but, with my prayers, and time the memories of her have reminded me of why I loved her so much. Jess, the wonderful memories will never be lost and he will be with you always. God finds ways for us to go on. Please accept our hugs and prayers.*

Pete Moore - Covington, MI - June 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“*Jessica, Lucy John and James,*

My memories of Mr. Korhonen are few, yet fond. He graciously welcomed me to the Marquette family home when I had nowhere else to go for the holidays. Despite all he was going through, he had a witty and upbeat attitude that was contagious to those around him. Although it's been short, it was a privilege knowing him. My thoughts and condolences go out to you (Jess) and your family.

-Alissa

Alissa Pacaitis - Lansing, MI - Friend - June 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“*Lucy and family:
What a celebration of life you all had with Gene/Dad! God bless you all in your grief and expectation of heavenly reunion!
Love & hugs to all!*

Linda Stoetzer Carrick - Sault Ste. Marie, MI - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ I will always remember Gene's adventurous spirit to willingly try anything.He is an inspiration of strength and courage and I will miss him dearly. I have enjoyed the many vacations the family shared with us in SC and will think of Gene. when I go to the beach saying"To the beach, to the beach!" Lucy may God bless you and your family and give you peace. Love Cuz Nanc'

Nancy Clowney - Summerville, SC - Cousin - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ It's been wonderful to know Gene (and all of the Korhonens). Thank you for inviting so many friends and camp staffers into your (lake) home and into your lives.

Karl Aho - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Lucy, Jess, Jon & James;
I was so saddened to hear of Genes passing. You will miss him, but continue to hold on to the great memories you have. He is now at peace, in the loving arms of Jesus. Take Care, call on me if you need anything at all.
Love ya,
Mary Robinson

Mary Robinson - Crystal Falls, MI - Friend - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Jessica, Lucy, John and James:

My thoughts and prayers are with you guys in the weeks, months and years to follow. I have exceptionally fond memories of Gene during my time at Northern, who in someways became my "U.P. Dad". I was always impressed and awed in his presence by the tenacity and bravery with which he faced his illness for nearly a decade. There was never any fear, and he was always trying to live his life to the fullest.

I know now that he is at peace, and you have a wonderful guardian angel watching over all of you.

If there's anything the family and I can do for you, please don't hesitate to ask.

Kacey, Bill and Julie Wiebenga

Kacey Wiebenga - Muskegon, MI - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To The Korhonen's~ May God grant you peace during this difficult time. Both of the strength given from God and the strength of a wonderful family, will gude you over the course of time. We will be praying for all of you. Keep all those special memories close to your heart! Love and Hugs, The Lichtenbergers

The Lichtenberger Family - Crystal Falls, MI - friends - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I was so sorry to hear about Gene. You will all be in my daily prayers through the weeks to come.

Cori Johnson - Wallace, MI - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM