



Alfred "Gene" Eugene Waddell

September 1, 1942 - October 22, 2019

Alfred "Gene" Eugene Waddell, Jr., 77, of rural Leighton, died Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at his home. He was born September 1, 1942, in Oskaloosa, Iowa, the son of Alfred Eugene and Helen DeGeest Waddell, Sr. He graduated from Oskaloosa High School with the class of 1960. Following high school, he worked various jobs in Oskaloosa. On June 2, 1964, he was united in marriage to Donna P. Kamerick at Eddyville, Iowa. On October 16, 2006, Donna preceded Gene in death after over 42 years of marriage. Shortly after they were married Gene joined the United States Air Force. He served as a mechanic on various bases including Hahn Air Force base near Kirchberg, Germany. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1970. He returned to Marion County and went to work with his father in law in his television repair shop. In 1974, he started his career at Pella Rolscreen (now Pella Corporation). He worked there in maintenance for over thirty years before retiring. In addition to working at Pella Corp. Gene and his boys owned and operated L&W Tank Cleaning for many years. Gene was a talented electrician, he had Waddell Electric and wired countless houses and buildings in Mahaska County over the years. He enjoyed cruising the neighborhood on his four-wheeler and visiting with his neighbors. He also looked forward to road trips to Missouri and fishing.

Gene's family includes his three sons, Robert Waddell of rural Leighton, Randy Waddell of Knoxville, and Ryan (Melinda) Waddell of Leighton; three grandsons, Drew Waddell, Dalton Waddell, and Dylan Waddell; and many brothers and sisters in law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In addition to his wife Donna, Gene was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Harold and Mike Waddell; and a nephew, Curt Waddell.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 26, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bates Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa with Reverend Todd Rempe officiating. Burial will be in the Porter Grove Cemetery. Graveside Military Honors will be given by members of the Oskaloosa American Legion and V.F.W. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation with the family present will begin Saturday morning at 9 a.m. and

the family will be present to greet friends and relatives until service time at 10:30 a.m.
Memorials may be made to the Oskaloosa Honor Guard.

Cemetery

Porter Grove Cemetery
246th Place or G39
Pella, IA, 50219

Events

OCT 26 Visitation - Family Present09:00AM - 10:30AM
Bates Funeral Chapel
114 South 7th Street, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

OCT 26 Funeral Service10:30AM
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Comments



“ Through my friend, Diane Costa, I met Gene and Donna through her memories. I met and had lunch with Robert, Ryan and Randy, Melanie and the boys. These are wonderful people... they made me feel like family. I am so very sorry for the loss of your dad and grandpa. Your pain is in my heart.

susan Reichle - October 26, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ Sympathy to the family of Gene. We are so sorry for your loss. We will miss not seeing Gene, as he would always stop by on his 4-wheeler. We would talk about work, life, hunting fishing or what ever we felt. I knew Gene from Pella Corp, and he was always a sot-after maintenance man at work. He was very proud of his grand kids. So sorry that he is gone, but he is with Donna now. I know if I listen hard , I will still hear his 4-wheeler coming down the lane for a chat. God Bless you Gene.
Stephen and Susan Salevsky

Susan Salevsky - October 25, 2019 at 05:34 PM



“ Mark & Sheri Frownfelter purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Alfred "Gene" Eugene Waddell.



Mark & Sheri Frownfelter - October 25, 2019 at 07:16 AM



“ I worked with Gene for many years at Pella Corp. in maintenance. He was a great guy and a good friend. He will be missed.
Larry Mitchell

Larry Mitchell - October 24, 2019 at 08:14 PM



“ 83 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bates Funeral Chapel - October 24, 2019 at 02:38 PM



“ Families of Richard & Sharon purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Alfred "Gene" Eugene Waddell.



Families of Richard & Sharon - October 24, 2019 at 02:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alfred "Gene" Eugene Waddell.



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“ Sending my love to Robert, Randy, Ryan and family. So sorry for the loss of your father. Love Aunt Judy

Judy Kerr - October 23, 2019 at 01:04 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - 'Wherever a beautiful soul...' was purchased for the family of Alfred "Gene" Waddell.



October 23, 2019 at 12:18 PM