



Hollis Eugene "Gene" Garner

July 18, 1941 - March 1, 2018

Hollis Eugene "Gene" Garner, 76, of Kearney died Thursday, March 1, 2018 at the Grand Island Veterans Home. Vonnie, His wife of 52 years was by his side.

Gene was born on July 18, 1941 at Mt. Vernon, Missouri to Dorsey H. and Gertrude (Bailey) Garner. He grew up and received his education in Nebraska, graduating from Grand Island Senior High School in 1959.

Gene entered the United States Army on January 20, 1960 and served during peace time in Korea with the 101st Airborne. He was very proud of his Screaming Eagle legacy and routinely brought out his scrapbooks to share with family and friends. He was honorably discharged on December 31st 1965.

Yvonne "Vonnie" and Gene were married on May 10, 1965. The couple made their home for several years in Grand Island where Gene worked for Northwestern Public Service Gas Co. They moved to Kearney in 1977, where he continued working for Northwestern Public Service as Superintendent of the Midwest Region. Gene retired in 2000 after 37 years with the company.

Gene enjoyed boxing, cars and hunting. He was happiest spending time outdoors, whether it be hunting, mowing the yard or at the river. Gene was an

avid hunter his entire life. He always looked forward to his annual elk hunting trips to Colorado with friends and family.

He is survived by his wife, Vonnie, of Kearney; three children, Sandy Joll of Colorado, Michael Garner of Colorado and Brad Watkins of Florida; a brother, Larry Garner of Arkansas; and his beloved and feisty yorkie-poo, Lola.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents; a brother; James, and a sister; Goldie.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 pm Saturday, March 10, 2018 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to the Nebraska Humane Society. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations

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Tribute Wall



“ *Hollis Eugene "Gene" Garner*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *We have the greatest memories of good times spent with you guys. Been many years ago but some memories never fade. Gene was truly one of those loved and well respected gentleman. There was honestly something about him that set him aside. We cherish our memories and pray for comfort for you, Vonnie and all of his family You got a good one when you got him and we feel pretty lucky to have been able to know him and share his life.
REST IN PEACE,. GENE*

Ron and Ann Kudron

Ann Kudron - March 06, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ *Nancy Bicanovsky lit a candle in memory of
Hollis Eugene "Gene" Garner*



Nancy Bicanovsky - March 05, 2018 at 08:59 PM

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“ *Mary Kulhavy lit a candle in memory of Hollis Eugene "Gene" Garner*



Mary Kulhavy - March 05, 2018 at 05:58 PM