



Gene Arlen Nolen Sr.

July 3, 1940 - January 22, 2024

Gene Arlen Nolen, affectionately known as “Geno” lived a wonderful and busy life. Gene was born July 3, 1940 in North Little Rock, AR. He grew up in and around the North Little Rock area and was raised by his grandparents there with his aunts, uncle and cousins. Growing up with Louie, Shirley, Glenda, Bobbie and Jerry were some of his fondest memories. Though he lived in numerous places throughout the years, he eventually settled in Paul’s Valley, OK.

He was a hardworking man, dedicated to his family, everything he did was for them. He was a decorated army veteran who served as a helicopter door gunner in Vietnam which he was extremely proud of. Gene was a magnetic force, people gravitated towards him, and he accepted and loved them all. He was compassionate, loving, caring, attentive and hilarious. If you were around Gene, you were guaranteed to laugh because he always had a great story for you. Gene had two great loves: his wife, Rhonda, and the game of golf. You would find him most days on the golf course swinging the club or fishing balls out of the pond with Rhonda, who was the best cart driver. He loved a bargain; he loved going to the swap meets to look around and search for that million-dollar treasure. He loved to listen to classic country music while refurbishing old golf clubs he had haggled someone out of. He loved his dog, Marlee, and would even FaceTime with her regularly while in the hospital. Gene is preceded in death by his mother Ruth Shelton, his grandparents Carrie Loyce and William Lewis Shelton and son Gene “Geno” Nolen, Jr. He is survived by his loving wife of 45.5 years, Rhonda Nolen; Daughter, Deanna Nolen; son, Glen & wife Laura Thomas Nolen; daughter, Amy & husband Lonnie Richey; son, Mitchel Nolen; twin daughters Jamie and Jennifer Nolen Grandchildren: Mandy Walezonia, Madeline Nolen, Tyler & wife Kaile Richey, Jay Rebman, Loren Nolen, Taylor and husband Daniel Day, Sarah Nolen, Tandi Richey Ryleigh McCoy, Aurelia Nolen and Aveylah Nolen. Great Grandchildren: Brody, Bella, Brayson and Branson Walezonia; Lawson Bertrand; Easton Thomasson and those on the way Wyatt Day, and Stiles Bertrand.

Dad, we will miss you immensely! You were our go-to when life got rough, you were our sanity in this crazy world, and our comfort when we needed clarity.

You were always the man we could count on, and although you were a straight shooter, you always got your point across and provided sound advice. You always made sure we made our decisions after thinking things through. You always gave it 110% and never stopped fighting for what's right. Because of you, we have the hearts of a lion, the love of our family and an insane work ethic. We thank you dad for all the calls, wise words of advice, the love you gave us and the beautiful lives we've lived because of you, your hard work and your boundless love for us. We are all better people Dad, because of you.

We will forever keep you in our hearts. Services to be held on January 29, 2024, at Wooster Funeral Home, 1601 S. Chickasaw, Pauls Valley, OK with interment to follow at Washington Cemetery, 23123 Eastern Ave., Washington, OK.

Cemetery Details

Washington Cemetery

Washington, OK

Previous Events

Family Visitation

JAN 28. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home
1601 S. Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK

Funeral Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home
1601 S. Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK

Tribute Wall

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Louie Shelton - January 29, 2024 at 04:10 AM

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“ Dad, you definitely taught me alot throughout growing into my adulthood. I was blessed to have a man like you to look up! I was beyond blessed the way you took me under your wings and passionately made me belong when I didn't feel like i belonged in the world I will miss you dearly. Godbless your sweet sweet soul from my family to yours they will always remain in My heart and in my prayers. I love you dad.

Heather,the passwater fam&Messersmith fa - January 29, 2024 at 01:47 AM



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Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 28, 2024 at 03:33 PM