



Eugene "Gene" Riberdy

December 12, 1933 - May 15, 2017

Eugene L. "Gene" Riberdy, age 83, of Kankakee, passed away Monday, May 15, 2017 at the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno.

Gene was born December 12, 1933 in Kankakee, the son of Camille & Martha Monik Riberdy.

He married Joanne Siefert on June 11, 1960 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Gene was the previous owner and route man at Model Cleaners. He loved connecting with his customers and friends each day. He was his children and grandchildren's biggest fan, always proud of their accomplishments and watching them on the sidelines. He enjoyed golfing, traveling, and the beaches of Traverse City, Michigan. He was a former member of the Kankakee Elks Club and the One Hundred Club. Gene was also a parishioner of St. Martin Catholic Church in Kankakee. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Surviving are his wife, Joanne Riberdy of Kankakee; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary & Shannon Riberdy of Bourbonnais, John & Kathy Riberdy of Manteno; three daughters and sons-in-law, Michele & Dale Gladu of St. Anne, Mary & Tom Hoekstra of St. Anne, Jill & Dennis Waszak of Wheaton; twelve grandchildren, Emery and Jarrett Galloway, Mat, Collin, and Bryce Riberdy,

Samantha (Enrique) Czako, Jacob Riberdy, Jackson and Reed Hoekstra, Aidan, Gabe, and Addison Waszak; one great-grandchild, Harrison Hoekstra.

He is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Paul, Richard, and Robert Riberdy; and one sister, Rita Devine.

Visitation will be held 4:00 -8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 20, 2017 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Cremation Rites will be accorded following the Mass.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

MAY **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Church
486 W. Merchant St.
Kankakee, IL
(815) 933-9391
<http://www.strosekankakee.com/index.htm>

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Joanne, I am so sorry I was unable that to attend Gene's visitation and funeral. I will call you later this week. I wanted to let you know that i have sent a donation in his name for a mass to be said in Texas at the Monastary for the infant Jesus where Irene Drolet (Sister Sybilina) is a cloistered nun. Pleas accept my sincere sympathy and love. Sue Cotter.

Sue Cotter - May 20, 2017 at 10:30 AM

KF

“ So sorry to hear of Gene's passing. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the Riberdy family. May God"s grace be with you all.

Keith and Maggie Galloway and family - May 20, 2017 at 10:13 AM

TW

“ Never having really "known' your Dad he was still a memorable kind man with a smile for everyone. He has earned his place in heaven for his simple kindnesses.



Having lost our Dad nearly a decade ago we survived the loss by honoring him every day in sharing our memories, reliving those moments through photographs (those posted here are wonderful to see) and by staying close to one another.


Thinking of all of you in the difficult days ahead. The loss never goes away but time does heal. Be there for one another, especially for your Mom who has lost her partner after so many years.

Teri Costanza Worth - May 19, 2017 at 08:42 AM

GA

Teri thanks

Gary - May 19, 2017 at 11:37 AM

 James
Travis

“ *James Travis lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" Riberdy*



James Travis - May 18, 2017 at 08:19 PM

 James
Travis

“ *I remember him coming home from work..and waving at all us kids in the yard...going in the house..then hollering at his kids to come in the house and do chores !! But he always had a smile on his face. He's with God now. Rest in peace Mr. Riberdy. I didn't have a dad growing up...I wished you were mine when I was young.*

James Travis - May 18, 2017 at 08:17 PM

TP

“ *It was an honor and a blessing meeting Gene and the family. He was a true gentleman, and the love he showed for his family, especially his wife Joanne was touching. My hope is Heaven has wonderful golf courses....*

Traci Power - May 18, 2017 at 08:12 PM

DK

“ Dewey Kilbride lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" Riberdy



Dewey Kilbride - May 17, 2017 at 07:11 PM

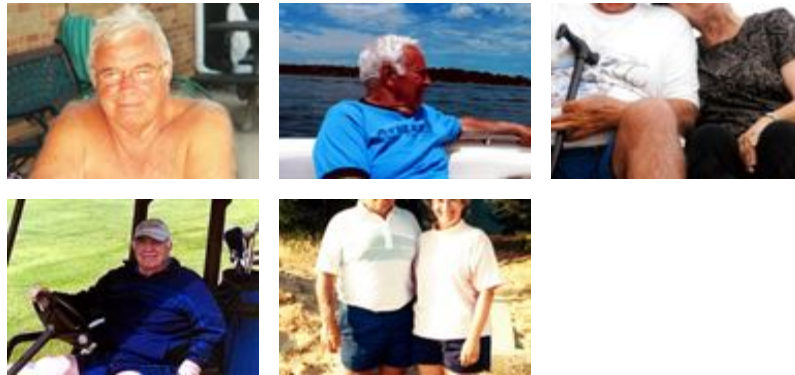
DK

JoAnn and family,
So sorry to hear of Gene's passing. Such a nice picture of him. He certainly was a pleasant man to be around and to compete with on the golf course. He surely enjoyed his work and also able to enjoy many years of retirement. May the good lord be with you at this most difficult time.

Dewey Kilbride - May 17, 2017 at 07:13 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - May 17, 2017 at 03:05 PM

TD

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences to the entire family.

Tammy Schumacher DiOrio - May 17, 2017 at 12:31 PM

MT

“ Prayers are with you at this sad time. May God hold you close and bring you peace and comfort.



Mary Thomson - May 17, 2017 at 11:19 AM

VD

“ My sympathy to Joanne and family.



Virginia R Dominick - May 17, 2017 at 09:10 AM

CM

“ Such a nice man. Will remember him from the cleaners. Rest in peace. Prayers for Joanne and family.



Cathie Sederstrand Bergan Miedema

Cathie Miedema - May 16, 2017 at 09:38 PM

MF

Remembering him as patient, kind, and always smiling; a good father. Love to you all, Mary (Mochalski) Farmer

Mary Farmer - May 17, 2017 at 11:22 AM