



Eugene "Gene" P. Rahn

January 8, 1946 - November 2, 2020

Eugene "Gene" P. Rahn passed away on November 2, 2020, at his home surrounded by his family. He was 74 years old. He was born in Enid, OK on January 8, 1946 to Rev. Ben and Mrs. Tena (Wieler) Rahn. He lived in various places growing up, including Enid, OK, Pasa Robles, CA, Inman, KS, and Pretty Prairie, KS, with most of that time in Inman. He graduated in 1964 from the Pretty Prairie High School. He graduated from Bethel College, North Newton, KS, in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He married Lovina Hilty on August 26, 1967 at the Bethel Mennonite Church, Fortuna, MO. They celebrated over 53 years of marriage together.

He began a career at Conoco Inc, Ponca City, OK in 1971, working in Mineral Lease Records and later in Information Technology (aka the Computer Department). He retired from Conoco Inc. in 1997 and again from Computer Science Corporation in 2001.

Gene and Lovina were blessed with two children, Jason Rahn (Lourdes) of Southlake, TX and Heidi Rahn of Little Hocking, OH, one grandson Noah Rahn of Southlake, TX, and one step grandson Dan Roman of TX.

Gene and his family lived in Ponca City 47 years. They still have many fond friends and memories from there. They moved to Versailles, MO in 2018 to be

closer to Lovina's family and friends. It was an adventurous move for two people in their 70s but demonstrated Gene's love for adventure and his in-laws whom he always felt close to.

He was a member of the Bethel Fellowship Church, Fortuna, MO. He was active in Sunday School, the Bethel Men's Brotherhood, and at times music. Prior to his move to Versailles, MO, he was a member of St. Luke's Church of the Nazarene, Ponca City, OK. He taught adult Sunday School for many years. He also served on the church board, as church board secretary, finance chairman, and several other committees over the years as well as singing. His hobbies included singing and listening to Christian hymns and Southern Gospel music, reading the Bible, photography, traveling, woodworking, and being with family and friends. He was also a member of the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus for many years and enjoyed the fellowship that came from singing with a large group of Christian men who loved Jesus and loved to sing. He deeply valued his Mennonite and German-Russian heritage. Gene was part of the 2nd generation of his family to be born in the U.S.

He is survived by his wife, children, grandson, and step grandson, his sister Fran Nunemacher and husband Gary of Lake Havasu City, AZ, many nieces, nephews, and his beloved Hilty and Lehman in-laws, including his "Bro" Phil Hilty. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Ivan Rahn, and both maternal and paternal grandparents, and brother-in-law Petie Hilty.

One final instruction for the funeral: "At the end of my funeral, take a bouquet off my coffin and throw it into the crowd to see who is next.....just kidding!"

A private family graveside service and interment will be held in the Bethel Cemetery. A celebration of Gene's life will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 5th, at the Bethel Fellowship Church with Pastor Jerry Bush officiating. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, at

the church. Memorial contributions are suggested to Bethel Men's Brotherhood or the Bethel Women in Mission.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Cemetery

37830 Bethel Church Road
Fortuna, MO 65034

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Fellowship Church
37830 Bethel Church Rd.
Fortuna, MO 65034

Celebration of Life

NOV 5. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ Gene was such a kind man, a smile for everyone, so pleasant to see. I always enjoyed seeing him and visiting with him.

Michelle Mccune - November 09, 2020 at 01:57 PM

JL

“ Jason, sending condolences to you and your family. May your dad's memory be a blessing.

Julian Larah - November 06, 2020 at 05:26 PM

JO

“ Jason and Family - Deepest condolences to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jeremy Olszewski - November 06, 2020 at 08:19 AM

JS

“ Jason, Lourdes and Noah - I was so sorry to hear about Gene's passing. I know our dads/parents had to have played bridge at some point or been at a mutual church function in Ponca City back in the early 70s. So, I have no doubt that a big Ponca contingent greeted him with open arms up in Heaven. You have always had fun stories of being with your parents to share and I hope you all can take a little comfort in the times you spent together. Cherish those memories and know that Lance and I are thinking of you during this most difficult time. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are raised for you all, and your mom. --Jennifer and Lance Stovall

Jennifer Stovall - November 05, 2020 at 05:59 PM

LM

“ I was privileged to work with Gene at Conoco. He was one of the most dedicated, honest and nicest person I've ever had the pleasure of meeting. Lovina and family my sincerest condolences. Heaven has gained another saint. Lynnita Jarrell Miller

Lynnita Jarrell Miller - November 05, 2020 at 04:21 PM

LP

“ Our most sincere condolences on the loss of your father. Although I never met him, he must have been a wonderful man. Take comfort in your memories as you grieve. Our prayers are with you and your family. ~ Jason & Laura Pinkall and family

Laura Pinkall - November 05, 2020 at 01:59 PM

BR

“ Gene Rahn was a neat person from a great family. His parents were pillars of the community in Inman. I went to high school with his brother, Ivan, in Inman, Kansas. Back then, Gene was a little “tag along” . I met Gene, who was working at Conoco at the time, when I had opened a business in Ponca City. Gene and Ivan are back together with their family. I was blessed to have known them. Bob Robbins, Ponca City, OK.

Bob Robbins - November 05, 2020 at 09:08 AM

MD

“ He was such a kind man and always had great stories to tell! I am so sorry for your loss.



Martie Dunn - November 05, 2020 at 08:45 AM

JL

“ Our deepest condolences to the Rahn family. Wishing you fond memories and peace.

Justin Lash - November 04, 2020 at 05:21 PM

TR

“ We have never known a man that is kind, giving, loving and as compassionate as Gene Rahn. He always had a funny story to tell us that would make us laugh. We remember the fun times we had at the "Rusty Barrell" for our birthday suppers and all the other times we had fun together. Jason, Heidi, Noah and Lourdes we are so sorry for your tremendous loss of this great man. Lovina, I know you will be so lost without him but know you are a strong person and with the help from God will be OK.

Your Friends
Tommy and Shari Richardson

Tommy and Shari Richardson - November 04, 2020 at 04:54 PM

LB

“ All I can think of is that GOD needed a MAN of integrity and business to help with the principalities and powers. Loretta B

Loretta Baumgartner - November 04, 2020 at 04:12 PM

JJ

“ Jason and Family, our prayers are with you all. I look forward to seeing you again, and reliving some of your great Gene stories you have told me before...and even more. I miss seeing you, Jason, and best wishes. Love, Jon & Allison

Jon Joss - November 04, 2020 at 01:38 PM

KF

“ Jason, Lourdes, Noah and Family - We are so sorry for this tremendous loss. Our hearts break for you all, and we are keeping each of you in our thoughts and prayers. We hope that Gene's memories bring you ongoing smiles and comfort. - Kara, Patrick & Family

Kara Foresman - November 04, 2020 at 10:31 AM

AM

“ Jason and family, I am so sad to hear about your dad. While I never met him, he was an amazing person based on how you described him, full of love for his family and life. May he rest in eternal peace and may you and your family find the courage to celebrate his departure to a better place. Praying for your family.

Ana McCollum - November 04, 2020 at 10:26 AM

KH

“ Jason and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray for peace for all of you, for hope in the future, and for confidence in life eternal. May your faith carry you through this difficult time. -- Kate

Kate Van Hulzen - November 04, 2020 at 09:02 AM

KL

“ I am truly sad to hear about your loss Jason, you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Wishing you healing and peace.

Kuang Li - November 04, 2020 at 01:50 AM

WN

“ I loved walking into Church to see Gene and Lovina Greeting me with a huge smile. They were the Best Team! A Team that everyone of us married should learn from. Lovina, Heidi, and Jason prayers and hugs being sent your way.

Wes and Angela Nipper - November 03, 2020 at 10:45 PM

BA

“ Lovina, Jason, and Heidi, we are so sorry to hear of Gene. He was loved by us All! We will miss him so much. You are all in our prayers. Jerry, Darin, Brenda, Caity, and McKenzie Altman

Brenda Altman - November 03, 2020 at 09:34 PM

JB

“ I enjoyed talking with Gene at Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus the last several years. I admired his dedication as he always had to travel to participate with the group.

Jeff Baumgartner - November 03, 2020 at 08:43 PM

SP

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Jason. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

- Samantha Pucci

Samantha Pucci - November 03, 2020 at 07:50 PM

DB

“ Had a number of great chats with Gene. Long may he be remembered. He left a great family!

David BAUMGARTNER - November 03, 2020 at 06:32 PM

CG

“ Jason,
I am deeply and sincerely sorry for the loss of your father. May fond memories bring you comfort during this difficult time.

Cathy Giammarino - November 03, 2020 at 06:21 PM

RA

“ Jason, I'm sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.
Rich

Rich Amico - November 03, 2020 at 06:17 PM

JC

“ Jason,
My heart breaks for you. I am so sorry for the sudden loss of your father. He will forever be in your heart always remember that. Prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.
Julie Cope

Julie Cope - November 03, 2020 at 05:56 PM

SV

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Jason. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Swara Vyas - November 03, 2020 at 05:36 PM

EC

“ Jason, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in the memory of your dad help comfort you tomorrow.

Eveline Chan-Mihaich - November 03, 2020 at 05:36 PM

JU

“ *Deepest condolences to you and your family, Jason. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this challenging time.* ”

Julia - November 03, 2020 at 05:15 PM

GR

“ *Jason, I am very sorry for your loss. I will be thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.* ”

Gina Ramos - November 03, 2020 at 05:14 PM

CT

“ *I'm truly sorry for your loss, Jason. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you get through this difficult time.* ”

Cameo Tsai - November 03, 2020 at 05:02 PM

SB

“ *So sorry for your loss, Jason. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

Susie Brzostek - November 03, 2020 at 04:46 PM

BB

“ *Praying for the whole family. So sorry for your loss.* ”

Becky Brown - November 03, 2020 at 04:40 PM

KH

“ Our deepest condolences to you and your family during this time. He sounded like an amazing person with a deep sense of family and adventure - memories we hope will help in this time of loss and celebration.

Kelly & Patrick Horn

Kelly Horn - November 03, 2020 at 04:40 PM

MM

“ So sorry for your loss Jason. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Michelle Morganelli - November 03, 2020 at 04:39 PM

DC

“ Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers - Jason and family. We hope that the amazing memories and cherished moments you had together will help to bring you a sense of comfort and peace.

David and Sonja Coffin - November 03, 2020 at 04:28 PM

ST

“ Our thoughts are with you and your family Jason. So sorry to hear the news.

Samuel Tenney - November 03, 2020 at 04:13 PM

FL

“ My deepest condolences to your entire family. Losing a loved one as special as he was to you cannot be easy. My family sends our strength and prayers to you during this difficult time. Much love, Ly Family

Frances Ly - November 03, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ *I'll remember him. Sending love and prayers.* ”

Bev Baumgartner - November 03, 2020 at 02:58 PM