



Eugene A. Rasmussen

July 16, 1940 - January 25, 2016

Eugene A. Rasmussen, age 75, of Laurie, passed away Monday, January 25, 2016, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. He was born July 16, 1940, in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, a son of the late Thorwald “Slim” and Kay Rasmussen.

In 1975, in Phelps County, Missouri, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife, Ortrud “Trudy” Rasmussen.

Eugene served in the Corps of Engineers in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. He retired after 26 ½ years of service with the rank of Command Sergeant Major. Following his military career, he worked in the automobile business for twelve years.

Eugene was a member of the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 in Laurie where he served as the Exalted Ruler from 2004 to 2005. He was also currently serving as the Veteran’s Chairman, holding that position for the last twelve years. He was a member of the American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624 in Sunrise Beach, a lifetime member of the VFW and also a member of the Disabled American Veterans. Eugene was a member of the Abou Ben Adhem Temple in Springfield where he served twenty-five years as a noble of the mystic shrine.

One of his favorite pastimes was his hobby farm in Rolla. He raised livestock and adopted a wild mustang. While living at the lake, he enjoyed boating and socializing with friends.

In addition to his wife, Trudy, he is survived by his children, Joan Decker and husband Mark of St. Peter's, Missouri, Jane Croucher of Rolla, Missouri, Caroline Curly and husband Ed of Davenport, Iowa and Anthony Blake of Rolla, Missouri; grandchildren, Andrea, Jessica, Ryan, Haley, Kirsten and Kaitlyn; brother, Keith Rueckert of Ellijay, Georgia; sister-in-law, Sally Rasmussen of Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Roy Rasmussen and his sister, JoAnne Zoccoli.

A celebration of Eugene's life with full military honors will be held at 11: 00 a.m., Friday, February 12th, at the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 in Laurie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children or to the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705. Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705
174 Elks Road
Laurie, MO 65038

Tribute Wall

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“ *Caroline and family,*

You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I am sorry I only had the pleasure of meeting your Dad once. What a wonderful man he must have been. Sending lots of love and hugs to you and your whole family.

*Love,
Jill Shamon
Indiana*

Jill Shamon - February 11, 2016 at 09:41 AM

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“ *Gene Rasmussen was one of the finest human beings that I have ever known. He was like a second father to me and Opa to my kids. There are no words to express my feelings at this loss. I am just glad that we had the privilege to laugh with him and give him a hard time every opportunity we had!*

*Love,
Beth*

Beth Damsgaard Rodriguez - February 10, 2016 at 03:01 PM



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“ *Lake Area Patriot Guard Riders lit a candle in memory of Eugene A. Rasmussen*



Lake Area Patriot Guard Riders - January 29, 2016 at 05:12 PM



“ *Erin Zeigenbein lit a candle in memory of Eugene A. Rasmussen*



Erin Zeigenbein - January 29, 2016 at 02:47 PM

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“ *Kris Hannigan lit a candle in memory of Eugene A. Rasmussen*



kris hannigan - January 29, 2016 at 08:29 AM

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“ *Patty Leibold Schuch lit a candle in memory of Eugene A. Rasmussen*



Patty Leibold Schuch - January 28, 2016 at 05:57 PM

PB

“ *Patty B lit a candle in memory of Eugene A. Rasmussen*



Patty B - January 28, 2016 at 04:51 PM



“ *Pam Fox lit a candle in memory of Eugene A. Rasmussen*



Pam Fox - January 28, 2016 at 04:44 PM