



Gene Epperson

March 5, 1935 - May 20, 2020

Gene Earl Epperson passed away peacefully at home, surrounded in love, on the morning of Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at the age of 85. He was born in Detroit, Michigan March 4, 1935 to Louise and Earl Epperson and grew up in Madison Heights. He is now free from the Alzheimer's he was diagnosed with eight years ago. He is loved and will be dearly missed by his loving family including his wife of 62 years, Grace (Pickard) Epperson; his son Douglas (Sue) Epperson; his daughter Diane (Jeff) Epperson Balagna; three grandchildren, Lauren (Dan) Balagna Miller, Brittany (Brett) Balagna Nystedt, James (Jenn) Epperson; and three great-grandchildren Ethan Miller, Madilyn Miller, and Maclean Nystedt. He also leaved behind two brothers, Patrick Epperson and Gary Epperson. His brother Richard Epperson predeceased him.

Gene had a great faith in God, love for people and a passion for cars and music. He worked for General Motors at the Tech Center for 29 years, retiring in 1990. He loved his church, Utica United Methodist in Sterling Heights, singing for many years in the choir and helping to found and lead the United Methodist Men's group and care for those going through a hard time with his involvement in MCREST. You can be sure that if you met him, he called you a friend and he prayed for you. His grandchildren were especially fond of his ability to generously listen, tell a great story and cheer you with a good joke. He loved old cars, could tell you details at length of each one and enjoyed many, many car shows. He could often be seen talking and then sharing

pictures via personally crafted cds. If you asked him about his 1951 Buick convertible, you were in for a treat and most likely remember his pride and joy that knew no bounds. Gene's love and gift for music included playing the piano by ear, the banjo and also the trumpet. Gene lived a life well-lived, leaving a legacy of compassion for others. grace, good humor and strength of character. The world is a better place for Gene having been with us all. Memorials may be given to Utica United Methodist Church, 8650 Canal Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48314 to the Music Program or MCREST. A celebration of Gene's will be held at a later date. Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Gene’s radiant face as he sang in choir...his pride as he took our family for a cruise in his beautiful Buick...and his gentle spirit each time that I spoke to him. Well done, good and faithful servant. May God’s peace be with you always.*

Weatherly Verhelst - May 24, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gene Epperson.*



May 23, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ *I was just talking to gene's brother pat and we remembered a fishing trip we went on with gene pat Esther an myself early in the morning and we didn't get 10 ft from shore and my sister Esther got sea sick so we went back to shore and went back home but we had a good laugh about that day for a long time. God rest your soul gene.*

Joe knight - May 21, 2020 at 04:43 PM

TB

“ Uncle Gene had one of the kindest hearts, a love for old cars, an infectious laugh and a hearty appetite. My last memory of him was when I brought him some homemade Pizzelles- Italian waffle cookies. He was so incredibly thankful and I was happy that I could bring him such joy. As most Epperson’s know, the way to our hearts is through food. I will always remember the way my Aunt Grace stayed by his side and cared for him. Their love for one another was remarkable, admirable, a Notebook kind of love. I recently watched that movie again and I immediately thought of Aunt Grace and Uncle Gene. I am so very sorry for your loss Aunt Grace, Diane, Jeff, Brittany, Lauren, Doug, Sue and Jimmy. Big hugs and prayers to You all. Love- Tammy

Tammy Berry - May 21, 2020 at 11:26 AM

DB

Thank you Tammy - he loved you very much and prayed for you over the years.

Diane Balagna - May 21, 2020 at 03:10 PM

BC

*I'm very sorry for your loss. I had never met Gene. He and my Grandma Thelma were first cousins and I found this obit while doing some work on ancestry.com
Prayers for you all. Brian Childs*

brian childs - July 18, 2020 at 12:37 PM