



Gene Edward Gies

July 14, 1947 - January 1, 2024

Gene Edward Gies, from Clinton Township, born on July 14, 1947, passed on January 1, 2024, surrounded by the love of his family. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Gene's legacy is one marked by love, loyalty, and dedication to family.

Gene is survived by his children: Kelly (James) Slebodnik, Jessica (Murray) Eaton, and Amanda (David) Stover, each a testament to his enduring love and commitment; his grandchildren: Coyce, Reilly, Madison, Grace, Gabriel, Sela, Sadie, and Sloane, who brought joy and laughter to his days; his brother: Dale (Grace) Gies, and his loving nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his beloved wife: Cathy Gies (née Brady), his parents: Frank and Bette Gies (née Eyster), and his brother: Cary (Michelle) Gies.

In the spirit of service, Gene answered the call of duty and proudly served tours in both Korea and Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Upon his return from overseas, he met the love of his life Cathy, and frequently credited her with having saved his life. Gene's professional journey led him to a fulfilling career as an automotive designer with General Motors, where he contributed his skills, talents, and decades long experience until his retirement in 2017.

While his girls grew, Gene enjoyed coaching their t-ball and softball teams. In later years, he happily pursued a love of travel with his honey. They went on numerous trips to Hawaii and Florida, as well as Caribbean and Alaskan cruises. While their adventures included cruising around on his Harley, he was equally content with simpler things like poking around Costco, so long as she

was by his side. He loved making memories with his grandchildren with NASCAR races, motorcycle rides, footlong hotdogs, lakeside "guck" watching, and snuggling on the couch for a movie night complete with Haribo gummy bears, some Muppets, or a Detroit Lions game.

In celebrating Gene's life, let us remember the laughter he shared, the wisdom he imparted, and the love he generously gave. As we bid farewell to this remarkable man, may we find comfort in the knowledge that his spirit lives on in the hearts and memories of those who knew and loved him.

A visitation will take place on Thursday, January 4, from 2-8pm, at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd., Utica. (3blks E. of Van Dyke). A funeral service will be held the following day on Friday, January 5, at 11am, at the funeral home. In honor of Gene, the family asks that any memorial donations be made out to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation at: <<https://dogood.t2t.org/give/320847>>. Please share a memory or leave a tribute for Gene's family at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery

38425 Garfield Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *When I was engaged, Gene took me to a Red Wings playoff game at Joe Louis as a welcome to the family gift in 2004. I never had anyone in my family ever make me feel important like that. It was an honor to call you Dad.*



Robert Leese - January 04, 2024 at 11:39 PM

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“ *I worked with Gene on different projects with him at GM. Great guy and very knowledgeable. Sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family.*

Greg Grueneberg - January 04, 2024 at 11:17 AM

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“ *Gene and I worked on several programs together and sat near each other for many years at GM.
I am so sorry to hear of his passing.
My family's condolences to Gene's family.*

Stan Miller - January 04, 2024 at 07:14 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gene Edward Gies.*



January 03, 2024 at 08:12 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Gene Edward Gies.



January 03, 2024 at 02:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Gene Edward Gies.



January 03, 2024 at 02:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gene Edward Gies.



January 03, 2024 at 01:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Gene Edward Gies.



January 03, 2024 at 12:40 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gene Edward Gies.*



January 03, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gene Edward Gies.

January 03, 2024 at 09:12 AM