Gene Sloan

February 10, 1954 - November 9, 2008

Sloan, Gene. Age 54. November 9, 2008.
Beloved husband of Colleen. Loving father of Dayna and Erika. Dear brother of Sharon Gary Kriza, Gael Jim Hiller, Ken Lynn Sloan, Elaine Mark Zampino and David Sloan. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 p.m. with service Thursday 11 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

SH

To my dear friend Colleen ,Dayna ,Erika, Sloan and Cable Families I do believe that God above, created Gene for us to Love, He picked him out of all the rest because he knew we would love him best. Gene is an absolute treasure to our family that will never ever be replaced. Our memories of him will linger for our lifetime. Words cannot express how much he touched our hearts, our souls and our everyday lives. Gene was, is, and will forever be loved by our Family Our tears will dry, but he will never be forgotten because he taught us so much . ESPECIALLY ABOUT Love, family and friendship. Thank you Colleen for You ,Gene ,Dayna and Erika. You will always be a special part of our lives. Stay close, Love ya tons Shirl------XXXX-OOOO

Shirl - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

UN

Oh Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling From glen to glen, and down the mountain side The summer's gone, and all the flowers are dying 'Tis you, 'tis you must go and I must bide. But come ye back when summer's in the meadow Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow 'Tis I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow Oh Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love you so. And if you come, when all the flowers are dying And I am dead, as dead I well may be You'll come and find the place where I am lying And kneel and say an "Ave" there for me. And I shall hear, tho' soft you tread above me And all my dreams will warm and sweeter be If you'll not fail to tell me that you love me I'll simply sleep in peace until you come to me. I'll simply sleep in peace until you come to me.

Unknown - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

Today is not just Uncle Genes Funeral but a celebration of his life & accomplishments. For the first time ever, we get to talk about Uncle Gene first & not let him ask about us. His first accomplishment was to survive childhood with 5 siblings 3 of those being sisters & 2 parents in a very small house. His Second & most important accomplishment was to marry my beautiful Aunt, Aunt Colleen. From that accomplishment it grew into many more. â?¢ Their First house. â?¢ Their First Daughter, Dayna who is just like her Dad, unbelievably nice & sweet. â?¢ Their Second Daughter, Erika who is a combination of both parents understanding like Aunt Coll & patient like her Dad. â?¢ The list goes on & on. Itâ??s hard to sum up the last 34 years that I have known Uncle Gene but it easy to say what he meant to me. In my early years, Uncle Gene meant fun, whenever we met up for Family gatherings, it was a riot. He & my Dad were best Friends & always the ones starting the fun. In my older years, Uncle Gene had a new meaning to me. He was the guy I called at 6 pm on a Saturday night & then the guy I was golfing with at 6 am on Sunday, never turning me down. He was the guy that listened to my story about my first deer at 10 pm on a Tuesday night in a T-shirt outside in 30 degree weather for an hour, more excited than I was about my accomplishment. He was the guy that taught me to Never Speak a bad word about anyone, something I & all of us need to do. He was the guy that taught me to put the past behind & March on. He was the guy that everyone wanted to be around, he had that gift. He had the best laugh. He was the guy that I looked up to & respected. That guy is my Uncle, Uncle Gene or Geno. He taught me many lessons in life & the most important one is â??The Gift of Respectâ?. Respect everyone he always said. Iâ??ve put together a few fond memories about Uncle Gene & here is my Top Ten. 1. The Watermelon spitting contest, nothing better for an 8 year old to see. 2. Eating Sticks of butter, never understood it but he loved it & I of course tried it from time to time & hated it. 3. The art of stealing food from a plate, it never got old, still carrying on the tradition with my kids. 4. Calling me â??Kiddoâ?, for the first 20 years of my life, I was positive he didnâ??t know my name. 5. The embracing Hugs, when you got one, you wanted another one. 6.

The Laughs, he made you laugh & thankfully, he laughed often. 7. He always told me to â??Take Care of your Motherâ?, I always will. 8. If you love someone, be sure to tell them often, Uncle Gene did this quite a bit. 9. At my Wedding, my Mom wrote me a song & sang it in front of everyone; well I was in tears throughout the entire song. When it finally ended, everyone was coming up to me hugging me & then Uncle Gene, comes up in his typical smooth fashion & starts crying like the Lion from â??The Wizard of Ozâ?. 10. & the Fondest Memory that I will cherish of my Uncle Gene is without a doubtâ? Smashing Cakes into loved ones facesâ?, no explanation needed. I would like to close with 2 Irish Blessings that seem perfect for Uncle Gene: May the road rise up to meet you; May the wind always be at your back; May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall soft upon your fields; And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Grant me a sense of humor, Lord, the saving grace to see a joke, To win some happiness from life, And pass it on to other folks. Goodbye Uncle Gene, not only are you in my heart today but always. I love you â??Kiddoâ?!!!!!!!

Jason Schmidt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

Dear Colleen, Dayna and Erika, We are so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. We were not able to attend services but our thoughts were with you and your family. Gene was a great guy and loved by everyone who knew him. We will certainly miss him. Please accept our sincere condolences. God Bless You and all his loved ones! Jill, Lou, Brendin and Nathan

Jill Dittman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PC

I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Gene for several years. He was one of those people you meet in your life who leaves a lasting impression. Gene always had a smile, was always upbeat and friendly and a simply a person many are fortunate to have crossed paths with. I am very saddened to hear of Gene's passing and send my thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.

Peggy Campbell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

--How do you take the measure of a mans life.. especially this manâ??s lifeâ?¦..I start by looking at all these facesâ?¦all part of the fraternity of people touched and forever changed for the better having known Eugene P. Sloan --There are a total of 5 or 6 people in the history of the world that Iâ??ve looked up to and tried to emulate to make me the man I am todayâ?¦.. You know how it isâ?¦you take a little part from this person and a little piece from that person and it all comes together to make you the unique person that you are. Geno is one of those people, except I took huge chunks from him. Iâ??ve looked up to him like a big brother really. --Geno was a mans man strong , tireless, focused,â?¦..Humble with a heart as big as his shoulders. Shoulders that were able to carry the weight of the world on them. Not once would you ever hear him whine or complain how tough life wasâ?¦he would just handle it with class and grace. He was the toughest guy Iâ??ve ever known. Geno had a way of walkingâ?¦shoulders back, head up, confident in his place in this world. He had a smile and a laugh that was infectious â?¦it just drew you inâ?¦.No matter how bad things were in my life, I would always leave feeling better having been around him. Anyone lucky enough to call him friend will attest to this. --Geno was someone you could count onâ?¦. All the time, every timeâ?¦.Over the last 30 years Shirl and I moved 7 or 8 times. He and Coll were the only ones who were there each time. 2 of those moves they were the only ones there. Bottom lineâ?¦If I needed his help, I didnâ??t even need to askâ?¦he was just there. --Geno introduced me to Bow hunting. I was already in my 30â??s and basically at that point in time I was a bit of a wimp. Calling me green would be an understatement. I had a love of the outdoors because I was brought up camping, but it was Geno that showed me the primeval magic of the woods. I learned very quickly to appreciate the siren song that kept calling us back to the northern woods year after year. The woods were a place that we would both go to once a year to re-gain our focus on the things that were really important in our lifeâ?¦.When we werenâ??t hunting we were talking. We could talk for hours about everything and anythingâ?¦.but mostly we would talk about what is going on with our families. Geneâ??s family is what

drove him and focused him on a daily basis. I will miss those conversations with him most of allâ?¦... --When we started having kids Gene decided to make a change in occupation because he knew that he wouldnâ??t be able to support his family working at the catering company. With no reservations he started a completely different career. He swept floors as he learned and completely changed his course in life, and once again he did it with class. I was so proud of the career he built for Colleen and the kids. --Geno didnâ??t have or need a pile of friends, but if you were lucky enough to call him friend, you could have none betterâ?¦. So letâ??s take the next few hours of today and celebrate the life and times of this great man and wonderful soulâ?¦. Letâ??s keep him always fresh in our memory so we can teach our younger children, who didnâ??t get the chance to know him like we did, what it means to be a real man in America. Geno..you will be missedâ?¦.. --The next time Iâ??m in the woods on a crisp, quiet November morning and the snow starts lightly falling and I feel a sense of peace come over me, Iâ??ll know that Geno is checking in with me. As I close allow me to quote a great man by saying,â?¦.â?Itâ??s all a part of lifeâ? and what a life it wasâ?¦.Love ya Geno

Bob Smith - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

Uncle Gene, Thank you for all the memories & great times we had. I will miss you dearly "Kiddo". I will check up on Aunt Col & the Kids & make sure they know that I'm only a phone call away, as you would do the same for me "Kiddo". You meant so much too so many. Here is an Old Irish Blessing that fits your personality perfectly. Grant me a sense of humor, Lord, the saving grace to see a joke, to win some happiness from life, and pass it on to other folks. You succeeded in passing it on & I will follow your lead. Thank you for being you & Thank you for letting me be a part of your life, I will treasure it forever. Goodbye Uncle Gene, not only are you in my heart today but always. I love you â??Kiddoâ?!!!!!!!

Jason Schmidt & Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EZ

Today I visited my big brother at the funeral home. It wasn't right seeing him there. Not my brother Gene. My brother who looked out for me when I was young, taught me how to ride a bike, taught me how to drive a car. Sometimes acted more like a Dad than my brother but I understood he was just loving/caring for me. He gave our family the gift of laughter always making sure we were happy. We could count on Gene to make any time fun. I love and miss him but I know he is up in Heaven making angels laugh and in the arms of my parents. His troubles/worries are over and he is at peace. I pray for peace and kinder days ahead for all the Sloan families.

Elaine Zampino - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NR

Dear Colleen, Dayna and Erika, At a time like this, "I'm sorry" seems very little in comparison to what you're feeling and going through but it's what I feel in my heart. Gene was a very special person. He was a friend to so many. I will cherish the memories I have of him. I am very saddened, very sorry and I care very much for all of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Much Love, Nancy

Nancy Richard - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

Gene was one of the best men I have ever known. He loved his family very much, was always there to lend a hand to help his fellow neighbor and, no matter the day, Gene always had a bright hello and smile for all his friends or anyone he came in contact with. I am honored to have known Gene and will miss him dearly.

Lisa Griffin - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

Thank you for always blessing me with the gift of song with that beautiful Irish tenor voice! the gift of laughter and the ability to always make me feel good about myself. A piece of my heart goes with you, darlin' till we meet again!

Shar Kriza - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

My Brother,Gene,Geno Protector,Helper,caring loving friend. Hardest worker I ever knew. My best man. Extremely missed.

Ken Sloan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

We are so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers.

Michele & Dennis Erdman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

Gene was simply one of the best people I have known in my lifetime. If somebody needed anything he was the first to show. I will miss you my friend.

Mark Baumgart - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GC

Dear Ken & Lynn; Praying that you will sense God's presence during this time of sorrow. In Christ, Pastor Denny 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles. Psalm 34:18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted.

Gingellville Community Church - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KM

Previously I worked at Ranal and knew Gene only briefly, but enough to know he was a sweetheart. I am so sorry to hear of his passing and my deepest sympathy to his family and friends. Remember the Good Times with Gene, it will help you through your loss.

Kathy Meek - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

Uncle Gene, you were taken from us all too suddenly... All throughout my life, you showed tremendous support and an unmatched positive outlook on life. My life will be forever influenced by your strength as a father, honesty as a friend, and love as an honorary member of my family! You'll stay in our fond memories forever.

Ryan Smith - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

Although I have only known Gene for a short period of time at Ranal, I was shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. He will be greatly missed. His smile and laugh defined his personality and my condolences go out to his family.

Denice Jewell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LV

My condolence goes to the Sloan family. I have known Gene for many years. He was a mentor, genuine, and the nicest person I ever know. As we worked together, he would always call me â?? kiddoâ?? after we finished a task. He always has a smile on even though there are issues that we have to deal with. I will miss Gene dearly especial those times we share and discuss about projects we did at home and the obstacles that we faces.

Leo Vue - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

Although I haven't seen Gene in a few years it has sadden me to hear of his passing. Our thoughts and prays are with his family.

John & Shari Coyle - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AA

This is a shock to me that we don't have Gene Sloan with us anymore. I am the co-worker at Ranal. At work, he was very jovial and fun loving gentleman with a beautiful smile. We surely miss him at work.

Aditya Ayyagari - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TV

My deepest condolences to the Sloan family. Gene was a dear friend of mine in the all to few years I knew him. He taught me this limric. There are ships made of wood There are ships made of steel These are ships that sailed the seas But the best ships Are friendships And may they ever be He was one of the kindest people I've had the pleasure of knowing. Tim Vanover

Tim Vanover - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BL

Simply a beautiful man inside and out. Our deepest sympathies to the family for your loss.

Bill and Tricia Lockhart - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KG

Our condolences to the Sloan family. We only knew Gene for a short while but he was one the far most genuine and nicest person towards James and I.

Ken Stanley and James Guerrero - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

Colleen, Dayna, Erika & Family, No one truly comprehends the loss that you feel or the sadness that you must be going through... And yet, warm thoughts are reaching out in hopes that you will know the strength and comfort that this wishes you. Gene was a wonderful man and will be missed by everyone who knew him. With Sympathy and Understanding Debbie Brooks Leesa Judge Eric Brooks

Debbie Brooks - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

My condolences to the Sloan family. May God be with you all. Shalom,

Scott Muschong - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CK

Since my first introduction to Gene a short time ago in the scheme of our lives, my impression was one of sincerity. Gene was genuine and kind beyond description. He gave to me the most valuable asset that any of us have to give, his heartfelt attention and time. Very few people have I met whom ask how you are and actually are concerned/interested. I have been blessed with the oppurtunity to know him. Gene's family will continually be in my prayers.

Christopher Kirsch - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

The purest heart of any man I have ever known. I am a better person for having the pleasure and honor of calling Gene my friend.

Jerry Norman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

A fond memory of Gene's infinite wisdom: There are wooden ships and there are steel ships, these are ships that sail the open sea, but the best ships are the friendships and may they ever be.

Mark & Staci Dube - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RC

Dear Colleen, Dayna and Erika, I am very saddened that Gene has passed. Gene was a great guy and had a contagious laugh. He will be truly missed by all those who were fortunate to meet and know him. I pray for your family and his other loved ones. If there is anything I can do to help you, please let me know. My sincere condolences, Rosie

Rosie Couture - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

Colleen, Dayna, Erika & Family, Gene was also our beloved friend and cherished neighbor. Yale Court has not been the same without you all. We are all deeply saddened for your loss. Please know we are here for you all, no request is too big. Our Love and prayers at this difficult time - The Mulcahy's

Mulcahy Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM