



Gene Strate

April 7, 1936 - June 12, 2023

Gene Strate, 87, of Holden, Missouri, passed away peacefully at his daughter's home on Monday, June 12, 2023. Gene was born in rural Holden on April 7, 1936, to Mont and Mary (Davis) Strate. He graduated from Holden High School in 1954. Gene lived his entire life in Holden, except for a short time in his teens when his family moved to Harrisonville.

He was united in marriage to Melinda O'Neal on December 23, 1967. Gene brought a daughter and son to this union. The couple were married 54 years before Melinda passed away in October of 2022.

As a teen, Gene delivered Manor bread in the area. He started his career in the medical field at the Holden Hospital where he was a lab and x-ray technician. He then went to work at the Windsor Hospital as their technician. Gene became the administrator of the hospital and kept that position until the hospital closed. He switched professions and became a plumber, and together with his dad, he ran Mont and Gene Strate Plumbing until his retirement at age 83. He served the area 7 days a week if his customers had a need.

Gene was an antique collector. He especially liked to collect cars, trucks, and tractors. He and Melinda would also visit antique shops to add to their collection of furniture, dishes, and blow torches. He was a member of the Chilhowee Antique Farm Machinery Collectors Organization (CAFMCO) and always entered his trucks and tractors, and hit and miss engines in their shows. Gene was especially proud of his Barnsdall Oil Collection and his Calhoun Pottery.

Gene and Melinda were members of the Holden United Methodist Church. They loved dancing and Blue Grass Music. Gene was a humble, soft-spoken man, who will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Preceding Gene in death were his parents, Mont and Mary; his wife, Melinda; sister, Ruth Gardner; brothers-in-law, Don Gardner, Roy Woodring, Greg Kuntz, and Curt Warren.

He is survived by his daughter, Terry Sisk and husband, Glenn of Holden; grandsons, Josh Sisk, Jake Sisk, and wife Kolette; great-grandchildren, Caroline and Conor Sisk; son, Steve Strate; sisters, Elinor Woodring and Marilyn Kuntz; sister-in-law, Violet Warren and her children Curtis and Maggie; and several nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held Friday June 16, 2023, at 12:00PM to 1:30 PM at Campbell-Cast Funeral Home in Holden, Missouri. A funeral service will follow at 1:30PM with Clayton Foss officiating. Pallbearers include Josh Sisk, Jake Sisk, Daniel Strate, Mike Daughtery, Mike Watterson, and Richard Warren. Honorary pallbearers are his Strate's coffee drinking pals, Bob Banes, Joe Shockley, Ernie Smith, Dwight Anstine, George Shull, cousin, Gary Strate and close friends, Doug Warren, and Donald "Bo" Bohannon. Interment will follow at the Holden Cemetery. In honor of Gene's love of antiques, and in lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to CAFMCO, PO Box 17, Chilhowee, MO 64733. Online condolences may be left to the family at www.castfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Holden Cemetery

West 10th Street
Holden, MO 64040

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Campbell-Cast Funeral Home
407 S. Pine St.
Holden
Holden, MO 64040
<http://www.castfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 16. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Campbell-Cast Funeral Home
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Interment

JUN 16. 2:15 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am so truly sad to hear about Gene. He was such a good friend of my dad's and to all our family. He was a genuine good and godly person at heart, and he will forever be a true legend of our community. Always helping someone, anytime, day or night. He was loved by all who crossed his path.

May GOD wrap HIS loving arms around Terry, Glenn, and each of Gene's family members, and provide them with much comfort, strength, and peace. May HE shower you daily with your father, farther-in-law, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle's, love daily.

Cherish the moments of laughter, encouragement, inspiration, wisdom, and his depth of love for each of you. He knew how much you loved him, just as much as his love was for each of you.

Gene knew how important family was, as he came from two parents who knew the ropes and importance of life and family.

Always listen to the words he would be saying to you at any given time.

No doubt, he's reunited with his Heavenly loved ones. Hallelujah! What joy! One day you ALL will be reunited again. Keep the FAITH for GOD is with you every step of the way.

Sending my sincere condolence to your family, with love and warm caring hugs to each of you. My heart truly goes out to all of you. You are in my prayers.

RIP Gene. You will be deeply missed, too, by our family, this community, and others near and far.

In GOD's love and friendship,

CS



Cindy S - June 15, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gene Strate.*



June 15, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ *I remember Gene and my dad putting cabinets in kitchen on Niagara street in Holden. I remember him doing plumbing.*



Geneva and Charles Sheets - June 15, 2023 at 12:21 AM



“ *Prayers to family and friends. He will be missed. He was a good friend. Prayers. Diana Romans*



Diana Romans - June 14, 2023 at 03:14 PM



“ *When I lived in Holden for 28 years he was always there when I needed him to do some plumbing for me. He was a very good man and friend. My prayers are with everyone for their loss of and wonderful man. He will definitely be missed.*

Sharon (Odell) Lawson - June 13, 2023 at 11:02 PM

BB

“ *what a great guy he was. we will miss gene at the coffee shop.
prayers for terry and family*

bob banes - June 13, 2023 at 08:55 PM

DT

“ *What a kind man he was. As a neighbor he often called me
neighbor. He will be truly missed Prayers and Love to Terry and the
rest of his family*

Dana Tapu - June 13, 2023 at 07:30 PM