



## Lavale Eugene "Gene" Ferguson

November 9, 1941 - November 26, 2020

Lavale Eugene "Gene" Ferguson, 79, of Holden, MO passed away on Thursday, November 26, 2020 at Saint Luke's East Hospital in Lee's Summit, MO. Gene was born on November 9, 1941 in Kansas City, MO the son of Roe Lavale and Mildred Louise (Stock) Ferguson.

Gene grew up in Strasburg, MO and attended Strasburg Elementary School. During his Senior Year of High School Gene owned and operated a restaurant in Strasburg where he was known as "Cookie". He graduated from Kingsville High School in 1959. After graduation Gene attended Chiropractic School in Kansas City, MO. During the Vietnam War, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and proudly served his country for four years before being honorably discharged in 1968. After leaving the Air Force Gene worked for the United States Postal Service in downtown Kansas City, MO for four years. In 1971 Gene, along with his parents, opened Ferguson's Floral Shop and Greenhouse in Holden until 2007 when he retired. After retiring Gene worked part-time for Dan Cast at the Ben Cast & Son – Wood Funeral Home in Holden and continued to work for Joe and Cyndi Campbell at Campbell-Cast Funeral Home until the time of his passing. Gene moved from Strasburg to Holden in 1974 making Holden his home for 46 years. Gene enjoyed playing Pitch with his monthly card group and playing cards and spending time with friends at the Holden Senior Center. Gene's favorite thing was to spend time with his family and he most especially enjoyed going to his nephews and

great-nieces sporting events throughout the years. He was a member of the Strasburg Union Church and active Song Leader.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Roe Lavale and Mildred Louise (Stock) Ferguson; two sisters, Gwyllyn (Ferguson) Sheehan and Sheila (Ferguson) Spies.

Gene is survived by his sister, Debbie (Ferguson) Dean of Holden, MO; six nephews, Joe Spies, Matthew Sheehan, James Sheehan, Daniel Spies (MaryAnn), Robert Sheehan (Amber), Michael Dean; five great-nieces, Rhiannon, Ryleigh, Delaney, MaKayla and Madison; two great-nephews, Langstn and Mason; many other family members and friends as well as his extended family at Campbell-Cast Funeral Home.

An open viewing for family and friends will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at the Campbell-Cast Funeral Home, (407 S. Pine) Holden, MO.

Graveside Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at the Strasburg Cemetery (Hwy CC) south of Strasburg, MO with Reverend David Hackett Officiating. Pallbearers will be Joe Spies, Matthew Sheehan, James Sheehan, Daniel Spies, Robert Sheehan and Michael Dean. Full military honors will be provided by the Holden VFW Post # 5844 and American Legion post #90

In lieu of flowers Memorial Contributions may be made to the Strasburg Cemetery or Strasburg Union Church.

Services entrusted to Campbell-Cast Funeral Home, Holden, MO.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 1. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home Inc. DBA:Campbell-Cast Funeral Home  
407 South Pine Street  
Holden, MO 64040  
(816) 732-5531  
stewartfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://castfuneralhome.com/>

## Graveside Service

DEC 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Strasburg Cemetery  
1  
Pleasant Hill, MO 64080

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ Gene was so kind to my family. My Mom worked at the greenhouse for Gene and I always remember popping in after school. He always had a smile and a good tease waiting for me. My grandmother passed away May 31st of this year and Gene sang "In the Garden" at her service. To no surprise his voice was remarkable and perfect. My Mom always enjoyed listening to Gene's voice at the Greenhouse. Rest peacefully Gene. You will be greatly missed and touched so many hearts in such an amazing way.

Angela Mitchem - December 09, 2020 at 10:03 PM

KB

“ Such a kind and loving soul. His green house was magical and a place I made any excuse to visit. Gene was always there with a smile and a fun conversation could be had. So sorry to hear of his passing. Ron and I send our prayers to his family, and all who knew and loved Gene. -Katy Barrett



Katy Barrett - December 03, 2020 at 02:21 PM

PS

“ I always looked forward to a conversation with Gene as a child and as an adult. To the point and never short on humor. I will miss him.

Paul W Sheehan - December 02, 2020 at 11:29 PM

BB

“ MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO GENES FAMILY BOB BANES

BOB BANES - December 01, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lavale Eugene "Gene" Ferguson.



November 30, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ What a nice, kind, sweet man. So sorry for your loss. Sending loving thoughts your way, Debbie.

**Barb Ayres** - November 30, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ Rachel and Granville Hackett family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Lavale Eugene "Gene" Ferguson.



**Rachel and Granville Hackett family** - November 30, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ So many Great Memories I have shared with Gene and the whole family. I will miss Gene A lot. I can hear his Unique laughter like the Special Unique Person (Friend but really Family because he treated me as Family.) I can never forget sharing a River Canoe Ride with Gene, (Lol). Gene will always have a special place in my heart. I know Gene is having great Reunion in heaven. RIP Gene until we met again 💜

**Marcella Ellifrits** - November 29, 2020 at 11:51 PM

KF

*Debbie and family, I will miss that handsome face and those Brown twinkling eyes. He and his little sister Debbie we're always there 2 celebrate weddings and all the happy times, and there to offer condolences all the funerals and other sad times. We'll all miss you so much Gene. But I know you're having a good time up in heaven playing cards and singing with that beautiful voice of yours!! Love you ❤️ and much love to the Dear family that he left behind but you will see him again one day. Love you guys ❤️*

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**Kathryn Fleener** - December 01, 2020 at 12:01 AM

MC

*“ I have many great memories of Gene! His contagious laughter, visits to the greenhouse, float trips and The trip to Florida! RIP Gene, thanks for the memories. Prayers for family and friends*

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**Mickey Meads Collins** - November 29, 2020 at 11:32 PM

BH

*“ I have spent many years and hollidays with Gene he was a great boss and friend he taught me a lot think I taught I taught him a few things we worked well in the spring planting time we loved go down the greenhouse bes and see how the plants had grown in the. Nightwear would try to see who could. Plant the fastest and who could make the best memorial boxes they'll mis Gene now he wii get to heaven andd see al the most beautiful flowers.*

*Brenda Henson*

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**brenda Henson** - November 29, 2020 at 10:32 PM

DH

“ Gene was my first coach. We were so excited as grade school boys when he came in his little blue Falcon with a bag full of balls and bats and told us we were going to be his team. When he gave us the opportunity to name our team, it was unanimous, we would be the Falcons. I have always appreciated his willingness to give us something to be proud of as Strasburger's .

David Hackett - November 29, 2020 at 04:09 PM

NC

“ Gene will be missed - he was always so friendly and kind-I will miss him answering the phone when I call over to talk with Debbie. I still can't believe you were here and now gone- will always be remembered- May you Rest In Peace- Naomi and Dave



Naomi Chastain - November 29, 2020 at 03:52 AM

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Debbie, My heart grieves with you. I know the pain death brings, but I think of little things that are so true in grief. Death leaves a heartache noone can heal, but love leaves a memory that noone can steal. Suns rise and shadows fall. Love is forever over all. I know that sorrow looks back, worry looks around, and faith looks up. Keep close to Jesus. Those, like Gene, who have given of themselves will live forever in each heart they have touched. Love and prayers, friend. Kathy Shull (Pittman)

Kathy Shull (Pittman) - November 30, 2020 at 10:07 PM