



Gene Michael Betthauser

June 9, 1944 - January 16, 2019

RACINE - Gene Michael Betthauser, 74, entered Heaven on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 after an extended and courageous battle with cancer. Gene was born on June 9, 1944 in Sparta, WI, son of the late Michael and Margaret (nee: Finucan) Betthauser. He was raised in New Lisbon where he and his brothers enjoyed the outdoors. The family later moved to Mauston, where he attended high school.

Gene moved to Racine as a young man. He worked at Belle City Foundry, and later at Case NH, retiring in 2003 with over 20 years of service. Gene was a skilled craftsman. He enjoyed fixing cars, woodworking and repairs around the house. If he didn't know how to fix it, he would figure it out. Gene adored teaching these skills to his sons and grandchildren. During the past few years, he worked with his son to lead the woodworking project for Raymond 4-H. Gene kept an impeccable yard. He loved to be on the lawn mower and working in the garden. He enjoyed watching to see which daffodils would bloom first in the spring, and monitoring the fence around his vegetable garden to keep the rabbits out. He loved finding a new Hosta to add to his collection or seeing what new flowers he could grow or share.

Gene was blessed with numerous friends who kept a close eye on him. He enjoyed hashing the news with the guys and waitresses over their daily breakfast. He looked forward to annual fishing trips to South Dakota. There were many happy times spent in the boat on the Missouri River. Gene loved a good laugh, and picking on those he loved. As much as Gene loved his

friends, there wasn't anyone whom he loved more than his children and grandchildren. He spent hours helping them with projects around their house, or having Sunday lunches to watch the Packers games. His grandchildren were the apple of his eye. He was their babysitter and mentor. He taught them how to fix things and enjoyed taking them out for special lunches. He never missed an important event, and was so proud of their accomplishments. He will be missed by his sons, Phil (Kallie Urban) Betthauser, and Michael (Robin) Betthauser; grandchildren, Jack, Paige, and Grace Betthauser; brothers, Gary (Connie) Betthauser, and Harold (Marilyn) Betthauser. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Visitation will take place at the funeral home from 4:30 p.m. until the time of service.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(262) 632-4479
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Funeral Service

JAN 22. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gene Michael Betthauser*



Sturino Funeral Home - January 21, 2019 at 05:21 PM

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Beautiful, a loving father and grandfather and a wonderful friend.

Blaine and Mary Peterson - January 22, 2019 at 01:24 PM



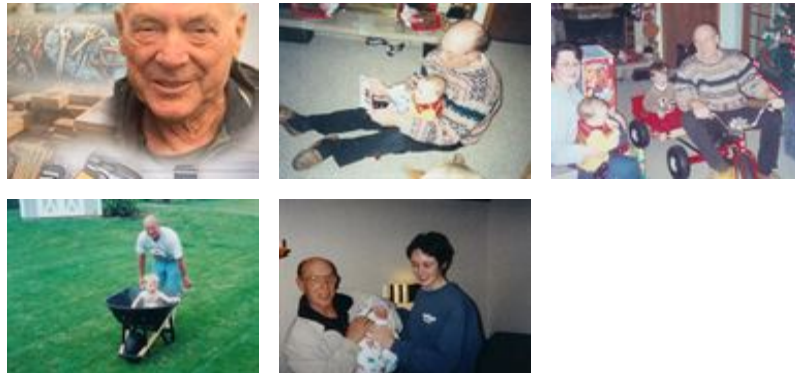
“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gene Michael Betthauser.*



January 21, 2019 at 05:35 PM



“ 109 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - January 21, 2019 at 04:12 PM



“ *I went to High School in Mauston with Gene - we were friends and enjoyed jokes, etc. Over the years I would run into Gene when I would visit the Racine area with my son's family. I always enjoyed talking with him and sharing news - He was a good long distance friend. I will miss that. God Bless Gene!*
Mary J. Pelton

Mary Pelton - January 21, 2019 at 11:21 AM



“ *William Betthausser & Sons purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gene Michael Betthausser.*



William Betthausser & Sons - January 21, 2019 at 01:43 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gene Michael Betthausen.*



January 20, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ *Crazy John we will miss your smile and your infectious laugh. We feel very fortunate that you came into our life. All the memories we have of you we will hold close. Your sense of humor will always be remembered. May you be at peace and tend to your garden in heaven.*



Blaine and Mary Peterson - January 19, 2019 at 07:27 PM



“ *He was the biggest littlest man we ever knew and will forever miss him.*
Ted and Sue Glavin

Ted and Sue Glavin - January 19, 2019 at 05:18 PM

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“ Ted Sue Dennis Marilyn Glavin Tim Alice Lessila purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gene Michael Betthausser.



Ted Sue Dennis Marilyn Glavin Tim Alice Lessila - January 19, 2019 at 05:02 PM

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“ Your BRONCO wrestling family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Gene Michael Betthausser.



Your BRONCO wrestling family - January 19, 2019 at 02:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gene Michael Betthausser.



January 18, 2019 at 05:19 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Gene Michael Betthausser.



January 18, 2019 at 01:58 PM