



Alvin E. "Gene" Travelstead

March 10, 1927 - May 19, 2014

Alvin E. "Gene" Travelstead, age 87 years, a resident of New Burnside, and a former resident of Creal Springs and Simpson, passed away Monday morning, May 19, 2014 at 2:20 AM at the Hillview Health Care Center in Vienna.

Gene was born March 10, 1927 in Creal Springs, Illinois. He was the son of Walter Travelstead and Bessie (Sims) Travelstead.

Gene was united in marriage to Edna Cole West on November 28, 1947 in Piggott, Arkansas. She preceded him in death on September 5, 2005.

Survivors include: 2 Sons- Raymond (Sue) Travelstead of Sesser, IL & Alvin Travelstead of Colorado Springs, CO; 3 Daughters- Sue (Kenny) Goddard of Vienna, IL, Donna Travelstead of Creal Springs, IL, and Barbara (G.A.)Clymore of Jonesboro, IL; 13 Grandchildren- Theresa, Thomas, Phillip, Jerry, Lesley, Cathy, Billy, Brian, Ashley, John, Stephanie, Shane and Kim; 27 Great Grandchildren; 7 Great-Great Grandchildren; a Sister – Ruth Lawson of Marquette, MI; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives & many dear friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, Gene was preceded in death by: a daughter- Linda Ruth Smith; a Daughter-in-Law- Dorothy Travelstead; 2 Sons-in-Law – John Smith, Sr. and Greg Prineas; a Grandson – John Smith, Jr.; 4 Brothers- Kenneth "Jack", Marvin, Wayne & Clarence Travelstead; 3 Sisters- Ferne Reed, Esther Carter and Lillie Mae Jack

Gene was a World War II US Army Veteran, serving from 1945-1946.

Gene was employed for approximately 5 years for Richardson, Inc. a plastics molding and manufacturing Company in Melrose Park, IL, where he worked as a foreman in the separator department. The family returned to Southern Illinois in 1955 and Gene went to work as an automotive body repairman. He worked for Hunky Boaz at Glendale from 1949-1950 then Farris Motor Company in Vienna from 1955-1980 and last worked for John De Chevrolet 1984-1989.

Gene was a member of the Gurney Masonic Lodge #778 AF&AM and had served as lodge treasurer for several years. He was also a life member of the Creal Springs VFW Post #9763. Gene was of the Baptist faith and attended the New Burnside Baptist Church. In his spare time, Gene enjoyed fishing. Funeral Services will be held Sunday afternoon, May 25, 2014, at 2 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Burial will be in the Gilead Cemetery, near Simpson, IL. Military graveside rites will be accorded.

Visitation will be from 5 PM – 8 PM Saturday at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Masonic rites will be accorded at 8 PM.

Memorial may be made to the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 98, Vienna, IL 62995 , the Gilead Cemetery Fund, c/o Norman Lee, 690 Gum Springs Road, Simpson, IL 62985 or the New Burnside Baptist Church, PO Box 99, New Burnside, IL 62967.

Cemetery Details

Gilead Cemetery

4385 Gilead Church Road
Simpson, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 24. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
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Service

MAY 25. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Alvin E. "Gene" Travelstead

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. He will be sorely missed.



Jerry and Debra Goddard - May 23, 2014 at 03:17 PM



“ Imogene And Ray Phelps lit a candle in memory of Alvin E. "Gene" Travelstead



Imogene and Ray Phelps - May 22, 2014 at 08:56 PM



“ Neal&Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of Alvin E. "Gene" Travelstead



Neal&Carol Watkins - May 22, 2014 at 10:39 AM

TR

“ *Sorry for your Loss*



Tracy and Lori Robinson - May 20, 2014 at 09:06 PM

MM

“ *Oh I am so sorry for you all. I know he was loved so much. I enjoyed caring for him while working at Hillview Healthcare. God grant you peace at this time of sorrow.*

mary jo mason - May 20, 2014 at 05:25 PM

FB

“ *Faye Morris Bowman lit a candle in memory of Alvin E. "Gene" Travelstead*



Faye Morris Bowman - May 20, 2014 at 01:04 PM

DM

“ *Donnie And Jolene Morris lit a candle in memory of Alvin E. "Gene" Travelstead*



Donnie and Jolene Morris - May 20, 2014 at 10:05 AM

HD

“ *Our sympathy to all of you and thank you for remembering others in your time of sorrow.*

Heather Treat Memorial Directors - May 20, 2014 at 09:53 AM

RH

“ *Love and Prayers sent to you all.*

Robin Harper-Whitehead - May 20, 2014 at 09:52 AM