



Orville Eugene "Gene" Wheeler

April 17, 1943 - May 4, 2014

Orville Eugene (Gene) Wheeler, 71, of New Waverly passed away May 4, 2014. He was born April 17, 1943 to Harold Austin Wheeler and Dorothy Jean Wheeler in Detroit, Michigan.

As a young boy he loved spending time with his grandparents enjoying the county life. At an early age he learned the advantage of working to have spending money. He signed up and was ready to enter the Navy upon high school graduation. After serving in the Navy, Gene began his life time passion of commercial truck driving. He drove for Cassen's Transport, Waggoners and Gulf State Toyota car hauling services. Gene finished his career happy and proudly driving his first new truck for Levinge Freightlines.

Gene's hobby was fishing and collecting rare rods, reels and lures. Although, this was a consuming interest in his life, his grandchildren came first. He did manage to pass on his love of collecting lures to his oldest great-granddaughter. Whatever one of the grandchildren wanted or needed he saw that it was provided for them.

Gene battled cancer for two and a half years, surrendering his final hours without complaint or discomfort before going to be with his Savior.

Gene is preceded in death by his parents Dorothy and Harold Wheeler, and grandson Jason Rodriguez.

Gene is survived by his beloved wife of 28 years Myrna Wheeler of New Waverly; sons Randall Wheeler of Detroit, MI, Russell Haigler of Hot Springs, AR, Justin Haigler of Cabot, AR; grandchildren Jami Slott of Willis, TX,

Jennifer Olmstead and husband Robby Olmstead of Cabot, AR, Jessica Chandler and husband Clifford Chandler of Cabot, AR, Julie Young and husband Jake Young of Tennessee, Angelia Haigler of New Waverly, TX; great-grandchildren Mya Slott, Natalie Chandler, Haley Giles and Cylus Young.

There will be a Celebration of Gene's life for family and friends on Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas.

Memorial condolences may be made to the family online at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Orville Eugene "Gene" Wheeler*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Such sad news to hear about Mr. Wheeler we worked with him at Waggoner ' s and Levinge. The last time we talked to him he was very proud of his new truck. He was a kind, dedicated hard working man we will miss visiting with him on the road...*

Carroll and Carolyn Reznicek - May 14, 2014 at 12:34 PM



“ *Myrna was so sorry to hear that Gene had passed away. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God be with you and give you strength during this difficult time. Sharon Hoke and family*

May 08, 2014 at 06:07 PM



“ *Myrna, we were so sorry to hear of Gene's passing...he was a good man that loved you and his family dearly. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love you always*

JoAnn, Beth and Kimberly - May 08, 2014 at 11:48 AM



“ *Myrna, so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you! GOD BLESS*

Milton and Peggy Kroesche - May 08, 2014 at 10:55 AM

DP

“ Gene was a good loving man, was so sad to hear of his passing. He will be greatly missed. You and the family are in my prayers and thoughts. Wish I could make it Saturday, but mom and Danielle will be there.

Love you Aunt Myrna,
DeeAnn & Emi

DeeAnn & Emi Parker - May 07, 2014 at 08:37 PM

CS

“ Mrs Myrna you & your family will be in our thoughts & prayers. Clayton was looking forward to he & Mr. Gene spending a day on the lake. Please don't hesitate to call if you need anything in the days ahead.

Charlotte Swor - May 07, 2014 at 12:18 PM

CJ

“ You will be miss. Thank you for all the fun memories we have together.

Connie and Jim - May 07, 2014 at 11:20 AM

MM

“ Our prayers are with you Myrna and your family. So sorry we wont be able to attend . I know it will be a real nice celebration of life you have planned. Maxine and Frank Mann.

Maxine and Frank Mann - May 06, 2014 at 09:54 PM

TS

“ *Our prayers and thoughts go to Gene's family and friends during this time. You were a good man and a good friend. You will be missed.*

*From the entire crew at Levinge Freightlines
Oklahoma City.*

Terry Smith - May 06, 2014 at 12:12 PM