



## Gene Arthur Bryant

May 12, 1941 - October 30, 2008

Gene Arthur Bryant was born on May 12, 1941 in Fremont, Nebraska to William Cullen and Bernice (Abrahams) Bryant. He grew up in Elk City and Elkhorn, attending Elk City Grade School and graduating from Elkhorn High School in 1958. Gene enjoyed hunting, fishing and farming. He loved animals and riding horses. Gene enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1963 and served his country for four years including time in Alaska as a Weather Observer. After attaining the rank of sergeant, Gene was discharged in 1968.

Gene married Karen Norris on November 30, 1985 at the Elkhorn United Methodist Church in Elkhorn, Nebraska and they have made their home in Waterloo since that time.

After his time in the service, Gene went to work as heavy equipment operator and continued this vocation until his retirement. Gene was a skilled operator and proud to call himself a "dirt stiff". He enjoyed NASCAR, trapshooting, fifties music, bowling and travelling. He was a lucky visitor to the local casinos and an amateur weather enthusiast. Gene was hard working and fun loving. He would try to tell jokes but never get through the punch line. He was dedicated to Karen and truly enjoyed their time travelling together.

Gene passed away on Thursday, October 30, 2008 at his home in Waterloo, Nebraska with his family at his side at the age of 67 years, 5 months and 18 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Cullen and Bernice. Gene is survived by his wife Karen of Waterloo, NE; daughters and son-in-law Becky and Travas Lala of Madisonville, LA and Athena Nielsen of Waterloo, NE; grandchildren Alex Lala, Ahlia Montague and Kaitlyn and Andrew Nielsen; sister and brother-in-law Judy and Laird Lindquist of Bella Vista, AR; mother-in-law June Johnson of Aurora, NE.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gene Arthur Bryant*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Gene on a couple of occasions while married to Leann Plambeck the daughter of Judy, Gene's sister. I was impressed with him as a person. He very easy to get along with in conversation. At 67 he was still to young to go. My deepest sympathy and condolences to Judy and her family.*

**Carl Rigatuso** - November 02, 2008 at 11:08 AM



“ *I attended Elk City Grade School with Gene & his sister Judy. Judy & I were good friends & I remember spending a lot of time at the Bryant household. I remember Gene as the skinny little brother. I came across Gene's funeral notice on the World Heralds web site. I could hardly believe it. 67 years of age seems too young to have passed on.*

*My sincerest sympathy to the entire Bryant family.*

**Phyllis Anderson** - November 01, 2008 at 12:52 PM