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Gene (Geno) Austin Gene Austin died peacefully, surrounded by family, on Friday, February 17, 2012, at Theda Clark Medical Center in Neenah, Wisconsin after a courageous 12 year battle with cancer. Gene was born on September 24, 1937 in Watertown, WI. He was the son of the late Vernon and Sarah (Sally) Austin. He was united in marriage to Kathy Lockwood (Spera) on February 5, 1983 and the couple enjoyed 29 years together. Gene graduated in 1955 from Rufus King High School in Milwaukee, WI then joined the Army 32nd National Guard Red Arrow Division in Oconomowoc, WI in 1958. Gene worked in the printing industry doing sales and production management. Following retirement, he drove school bus for the Waupaca school district for many years where his nickname was Beamer because of his beaming smile. Back in his greaser days Gene was in the Rev Masters Hot Rod Club of Oconomowoc, WI where they won the championship in 1960. He also loved fishing, hunting, boating, playing the slots, dancing and listening to the oldies and laughing with everyone he met. His smile was infectious. Gene enjoyed living life to the fullest with his wife, family and friends. Gene is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Kathy, his children, Mike and Mary Austin, Lori Austin-Shifflett and Tom Kinney, Ron and Linda (Austin) White, Roberta Austin, Aaron and Doreen (Lockwood) Jerabek, John and Rachel Lockwood, his grandchildren Ryan and Jessica, Sarah, Whitney and Kory, Dylan, Samantha, Nathan, Desiray, Steffani, Sam, Marina, and Colin and his great grand children, Kayden, Shay, and Lily. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Shirley Spera and his in-laws, Frank and Dee Spera, John Spera, Steve Spera and Matt Spera and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law John Spera, his sister-in-law Elaine Spera and his loving cat, Chicken Man. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, February 23 at 5:30 pm at Holly's Funeral Home, Waupaca, WI. Friends may visit at Holly's from 4:00 pm until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, a



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memorial has been established in the name of Gene Austin. The family would like to thank the staff of Riverside Medical Center and Theda Clark Medical Center for their attentive and compassionate care of our beloved Gene. And a special thank you to Dr. Anthony Phillips for his friendship and care over the last 12 years.



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LG

Leisa Geis posted:

Kathy, Mike, Lori, Linda & Berta and all family members. I have no words to help you ease your pain. You are all in my thoughts and send hugs and prayers to help you hold strong thru this time of healing. I wish I could of been there to tell you this personally but have been sick these past couple days. If any of you need anything at all please call me. God Bless. Leisa

March 4 at 7:00 PM

GR

Greg Reischl posted:

I was very saddened to hear of Gene's passing. We've known each other for about 35 years. We were very friendly competetors, selling printing supplies and equipment. I ran into him several times in Waupaca at Simpson's and at Wheelhouse. The Simpsons are my inlaws. Ginny is my wife Bonnie,s sister. I enjoyed running into him.

March 4 at 7:00 PM

DB

Dan Brandenburg posted:

So sad to hear of the passing of Gene. We purchased many supplies and equipment from Gene back in the 1970's here at The Marion Advertiser. Gene was instrumental in helping us convert from hot metal to offset printing. I can only wonder what he thought of today's digital technology. I am honored to have known him. God Bless you Gene, until we meet again.

March 4 at 7:00 PM

BS

Berta Spanbauer posted:

Kathy and family,We are sorry to hear of your loss. Roberta Spanbauer

March 4 at 7:00 PM

AT

Amy Temby posted:

Kathy,Just want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers my friend. Take gentle care.

March 4 at 7:00 PM



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Kathy Haar posted:

Aaron, Doreen & family: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I've been thinking of your family often, I pray for strength to come your way. May peace be with you, Take care, Kathy Haar

March 4 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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