



Gene L. Hofbauer

September 27, 1936 - May 26, 2024

Gene Leray Hofbauer, age 87, of Rankin, IL, passed away on Sunday, May 26, 2024, at Heritage Health in Hoopeston. He was born on September 27, 1936, in his grandparents' Leo and Minnie Burroughs' home, in Westfield, IN. Gene was the son of Joel and Mary (Burroughs) Hofbauer of Rankin, IL.

Gene married his high school sweetheart, Elsie Hasler, on August 9, 1958, in Wheaton, IL. They have one son, Glen Michael Hofbauer (Janene Erwin); three grandchildren, Amanda (Chad) Smith, Benjamin (Nichole) Hofbauer, and Joseph Hofbauer; and seven great-grandchildren, Ariel, Aurora, Allison, Aubrianna, Adeline, Jacob, and John.

Gene grew up with a younger sister, Judy, and younger brother, James, on a dairy and grain farm east of Rankin. While young, he spent some time with his great uncle Ed and aunt Anna Moser near Claytonville, while his mother Mary recovered from Tuberculosis.

Gene was involved with the farming operation and was successful showing Holstein cattle at local fairs. He attended Rankin Grade School and graduated from Rankin Township High School in 1955. Gene was active in FFA and was a 1955 Section Winner for Dairy presented by Illinois FFA and awarded Illinois State Farmer.

Gene served in the United States Marine Corps from 1956-1958, before starting his farming career. While farming, he worked many years as a DeKalb seed representative and salesman. He also worked in the community, serving on the Rankin Grade School Board, Rankin Town Board, Butler Township Trustee, and candidate for Illinois Corn Growers Association.

Gene enjoyed hunting and fishing, and spent many enjoyable winters in Okeechobee, FL. He was a member of Treasure Island Baptist Church, Florida, and Christian Bible Church, Cissna Park, and the Rankin Lion's Club.

A visitation will be held on Friday, May 31, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at Cox-Knapp Funeral Home in Rankin. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., at Christian Bible Church in Cissna Park, with additional visitation one hour prior. A graveside service with military rites will follow at Rankin Union Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Christian Bible Church or Rankin Lion's Club.

Cemetery Details

Rankin Union Cemetery

E 4200 N Rd
Rankin, IL 60960

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Cox-Knapp Funeral Home
130 North Main Street
Rankin, IL 60960

Visitation

JUN 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christian Bible Church
1202 E 200 North Rd
Cissna Park, IL 60924

Funeral Service

JUN 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christian Bible Church
1202 E 200 North Rd
Cissna Park, IL 60924

Tribute Wall

TC

“ Treasure Island Baptist Church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gene L. Hofbauer.

Treasure Island Baptist Church - May 30, 2024 at 08:34 AM

TC

“ Treasure Island Baptist Church purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gene L. Hofbauer.



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AI

“ Dear Family of Mr..Gene Hofbauer . Gene was a Very Fine Man ,always had a big smile & firm handshake at the ready. Anyone that knew Gene will miss him greatly. I know I will . R.I.P. Gene



Allen Ideus - May 29, 2024 at 04:32 PM

RG

“ *Elsie and Jimmy, guess next to Gene I knew you guys the best, and enjoyed Gene a bunch, considered him a good friend, had some great visits with him on the computer, visits about any and everything, could always find something to laugh at, good man, loved him dearly, and know you guys and your families will miss him terribly, and I am so sorry for you. God bless you through your time here with your loss and know He is with you, won't take away the pain, but will be with you through itRog and Marcia Gudeman*

Roger Gudeman - May 28, 2024 at 05:52 PM

BK

“ *Brenda, Kevin, Roger and Holly Kingston purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gene L. Hofbauer.*



Brenda, Kevin, Roger and Holly Kingston - May 28, 2024 at 12:07 PM

VW

“ *Elsie, Woody and I enjoyed getting to know Gene at the gospel singings we attended. We wish you the best.*

Virginia Wood - May 27, 2024 at 05:18 PM

VE

“ *So very sorry for your loss.*

Vickie Ellis - May 26, 2024 at 10:02 PM