



Gene L. Wilkinson

July 14, 1948 - September 10, 2020

WILKINSON, Gene "Shake" L., age 72, of Waynesville, passed away Thursday, September 10, 2020 at Hospice of Dayton.

Gene retired from Chrysler Corp. in Belvidere, Illinois in 2008 after 41 years of service. He served as a representative of United Auto Workers for several years. He was also a member of the Galena United Methodist Church in Illinois.

Outgoing, fun-loving, and a workaholic, Gene especially enjoyed being out with friends and his grandchildren. While living in Galena, he took every opportunity to explore the recreational area around the lake. He also loved taking the grandkids to Happy Joe's in Galena for pizza and ice cream. Remodeling work was a passion and he always looked forward to his next project. Other hobbies included dancing, dining out, going to movies, Lake Michigan boat trips from Chicago, attending Pasty festivals, and seeking out a quality slice of cherry pie. Between his Dodge pickup truck and the pontoon boat he owned for a while, he always found time for quality relaxation. Among many things, he will be remembered for how much he enjoyed and took advantage of all four seasons of the year.

He was preceded in death by his parents Maynard and Florence Wilkinson. He is survived by his caretaker and former wife, Myrna Wilkinson; daughter Stephanie (Helar) Merizalde; son Anthony L. (Cynthia) Wilkinson; eight grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and one brother Darrell (Sandy) Wilkinson.

A memorial service will be held 7 PM Friday, September 18 at Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home in Waynesville. Jesse Branham will be officiating the services. The family will receive friends 5 - 7 PM Friday at the funeral home. If desired, contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, West Chester Office, 8899 Brookside Ave., Suite 102, West Chester, OH 45069.

During this difficult time, if you are feeling ill or unhealthy in any way, you are encouraged

to pay your respects in alternative methods, such as sending a sympathy card or sharing a memory through our online tribute wall. In addition, the services will be streamed live via the internet. If you wish to view the services on the live stream, please reach out to the funeral home to be added to the list. Be sure to bring your mask to wear while you are inside the funeral home. Condolences at www.stubbsconner.com.

Events

SEP 18 **The Family Will Receive Friends** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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185 North Main Street, Waynesville, OH, US, 45068

SEP 18 **Memorial Service** 07:00PM

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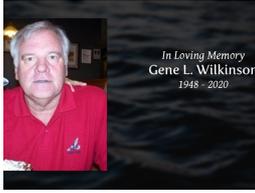
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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home - September 18 at 05:13 PM



“ Grandpa I going to miss you so much. You were a big part of my life. I remember all the times we went had pizza and ice cream. I remember when you would get mad at us and say I'm gonna make you butt so hot I'll be able to cook eggs on it. We thought it was the funniest thing ever and all you could is laugh. Love you I will never forget you

amelia giles - September 12 at 03:26 PM



“ Cherish our dinners together when you two lived here! We loved Gene and you! So sorry for your loss! From both of us!!

Thurston and Sue Vance - September 12 at 12:54 AM