



Gene Giffey

December 13, 1933 - March 13, 2020

PLEASE NOTE: Due to recent health concerns, the family and church has determined that the funeral service will be not be open to public. A memorial service, date unknown, will be held in the future to allow all the opportunity to attend. Thanks for your understanding.

Gene Giffey, 86, of Ridgeville Corners, Ohio died Friday, March 13, 2020 at University of Medical College, Toledo, Ohio. He was born on his family farm in Holgate on December 13, 1933 to the late Arthur and Emma (Yungman) Giffey. As a child, Gene helped on the farm and after graduating from Holgate Highschool he enlisted in the United States Army during the Korean War. Upon his discharge, he met and married Elaine (Bunke) Giffey on February 22, 1959. In the 70's they moved to Ridgeville Corners and Gene worked for ANR Pipelines for many years until he retired. They are survived by daughters, Lynette (Mike) Grooms of Ridgeville Corners and Linda (David) Volkman of Napoleon. Grandchildren; Chad Grooms (Dawn), Tony (Jenna) Grooms, Christie (Kyle) Cohrs, Matthew Volkman, and Suzy Volkman; great grandchildren, Addisyn, Olivia, Mason, Miller, Casey, Kara, and Caleb. Elaine died in August of 1992.

Gene then met and married Donna (Schnitkey) Giffey on November 5, 1994. Donna's children are Val (Fred) DeGroff of Archbold, Vicki (Steve) Rockey of Edon, Valinda (Jim) Christopher of Linden, MI, and Brian (Tobi) Ziegler of Archbold. 14 step grandchildren and 9 step great grandchildren. Donna died

in February of 2015.

He is also survived by a brother, Ned (Norma) Giffey of Napoleon and was also preceded in death by siblings, Corinne March, Carmen Wiechers, and an infant sister, Carrol Jean Giffey.

Gene's love was song! He loved to sing and belonged to the Northwesternaires Barbershop Chorus for over 50 years. He also sang in many quartets throughout the years. He enjoyed showing off his Replica Model T Buggy and Antique Tractors around Ridgeville Corners and at the Henry County Fair. He was a faithful member of Zion Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorial contributions are suggested to Zion Lutheran Church or Ridgeville Corners Fire Department.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home
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Napoleon, OH 43545
(419) 592-2333
help@rodenbergergray.com

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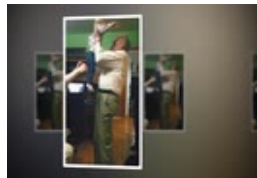
“ I have many fond memories of family camping with Gene, Elaine, Lynette & Linda.
Especially when driving around the Grand Canyon. Elaine suggested Linda look at the wonderful scenery, Linda replied "I already saw that big ditch" and continued to play with her dolls in the back of the station wagon. I always loved hearing Gene sing and was thrilled when a couple times he and his fellow Quartet members stopped at my parents house and serenaded us!!! More recently he joined us for dinner in Yuma and we had a great time catching up. He was an awesome guy with a wonderful sense of humor, and I feel blessed to have known him, Elaine, Lynette & Linda.

Toni Hageman Borchardt

Toni Hageman Borchardt - March 19, 2020 at 07:39 PM



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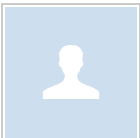
“ *I always enjoyed seeing and talking with my Uncle Gene. His quick wit and entertaining stories would always bring smiles to all around him. But the the biggest smile in any crowd was his own. Lynnette and Linda (and Mike and Dave also) you are on my mind.*

Dean Von Deylen - March 17, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ *Always remember your dad's smile and being a nice guy. Alice Schwiebert*💕

Alice Schwiebert - March 16, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gene Giffey.*



March 16, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gene Giffey.*



March 16, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gene Giffey.*



March 16, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *Gene worked with my dad (Joe Willey) for the pipeline in Wauseon for years. Dad thought a lot of Gene.*

Cyndy Willey Grant - March 14, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ *Gene sang at our wedding in 1975. He was a good friend and fellow barbershopper*

He was instrumental in my joining the chorus.

I was raised just north of the Michigan-Wisconsin pipeline at Defiance, and I knew him already then as a young "kid".

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time!

James Kehnast - March 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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“ Gene and I sang together many times and I was so happy when he sang at our wedding. I will keep you all in my prayers. Anne Ripke Thomas

Anne Ripke Thomas - March 14, 2020 at 07:17 AM

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“ Gene was a great neighbor to us and was always there if you needed a helping hand. His wit, wisdom and humor were always a bright spot in the day. His love for music and his fellow man will be missed by all he knew. Lynnette & Mike, Linda & Dave, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Gary & Gwen Richard

Gary Richard - March 13, 2020 at 10:51 PM