



Gene Getz

April 9, 1940 - April 1, 2019

Gene Getz, 78 year old resident of Pelican Rapids, MN formerly of Swanville, MN passed away Monday, April 1, 2019 at Evansville Care Campus in Evansville, MN. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, April 8, 2019 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Swanville, MN with Rev. Kevin Zellers officiating. Burial will take place in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery in Swanville, MN. A visitation will be held from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. on Monday at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Swanville, MN. Funeral arrangement are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Swanville, MN.

Gene Adolph Getz was born on April 9, 1940 in Hutchinson, MN to the late Dan and Hattie (Rasmussen) Getz. He was raised in the Swanville, MN area and graduated from Swanville High School. Following graduation, Gene went to work for Hartz Mountain, which supplied pet stores with aquarium fish and equipment. He entered service with the U.S. Army in 1963 until being honorably discharged in 1965. Gene then went to work for Aquarium Supply until 1969, when he opened his own store called The Pet Center in Sioux Falls, SD, and later a second one in Brookings, SD. In 1978, Gene moved up to the Fargo, ND area and started FM Landscaping, which he operated until 2000 when he suffered a heart attack, when he officially retired. In retirement, Gene enjoyed hunting and fishing. He participated in the local softball leagues and was an avid fan of the Minnesota Twins and Vikings. Gene was devoted to his faith and church, the Worldwide Church of God, going on retreats with

them and studying the Bible. In 2009, he moved to Pelican Rapids, MN, where he helped his son, Chris with the landscaping business. Gene loved being a “Grandpa” and enjoyed spending time with his family, especially the Christmas gathering held every year in Long Prairie, MN. Gene was a true friend, generous with his time and always willing to help.

Gene is survived by his sons, Chris (Angela) Getz of Pelican Rapids and Aaron Getz of Portland, OR; grandchildren, Mason and Tucker Maus, Nolan and Ava Getz; brother, Gerald (Clarice) Getz of St. Cloud, MN; sisters, Delores (Dick) Dahlquist of Randall, MN, JoAnn Getz Grissom of Dallas, TX, and Betty Runke of Hutchinson, MN.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Dan and Hattie Getz; brothers, Roger and Donald Getz; and sisters, Shirley Beers, Elaine Strom, and Alice Harrington.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery

Swanville, MN 56382

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Swanville
502 Berkey Avenue
Swanville, MN

Funeral Service

APR 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Swanville
502 Berkey Avenue
Swanville, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gene Getz*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - April 04, 2019 at 09:25 AM



“ *Gene Getz*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Chris and Family. So sorry for your loss. He was so caring to others and always willing to lend a hand. The Best to you all. Judy Fugere-Cormorant Lake*

Judy Fugere - April 06, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ *I was so sorry to read of Gene's death. He was such a nice man. I hemmed his jeans for him when he lived in Dilworth and also after he moved to Park Rapids. I was just thinking about him recently and wondering how he was doing. I am sure you will miss him.*

Loretta Swanson - April 05, 2019 at 12:12 PM

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“ Michele Jensen lit a candle in memory of Gene Getz



Michele Jensen - April 05, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ 61 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lemieux Funeral Homes - April 04, 2019 at 08:23 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers to Gene's family during this difficult time. Gene was a kind and gentle man and has been missed by our congregation at Central Lutheran, where he worshiped with us. May the Peace of Christ be with you.



Blessings,

Kelli & the Central Lutheran Congregation

Kelli Atchison - April 03, 2019 at 09:21 AM