



EUGENE "GENE" RICHARDS

December 24, 1927 - March 24, 2016

Eugene (Gene) E. Richards, 88, of West Milford, NJ, passed on to his eternal rest on Thursday, March 24, 2016.

Gene was born on December 24, 1927 in Warwick, NY to Edward and Bertha (Mabee) Richards.

He was a US Navy veteran of World War II, and was also a past Commander of Post 289 of the American Legion in West Milford.

Following his naval service he was in the family construction business, developing the subdivisions of Woodland Heights and Green Brook Estates.

Gene was a 79 year resident of West Milford. In 1958 Gene became the Building Inspector in West Milford until his retirement in 1989.

Gene will best be remembered as an avid outdoorsman. He especially loved hunting, fishing, and trapping, and is the author of a book that Gene wrote in the 1970's called "Production Line Trapping For Fox and Raccoon".

He was predeceased by his first wife Phyllis (Bunting) Richards in 1994, his parents Edward in 1971, and Bertha in 1955, his sister Gloria in 1993, and his brother Raymond in 2014.

Gene is survived by his beloved wife Carol of West Milford, his loving son Mark of West Milford, his two dear step daughters Lisette Metrock of Newfoundland, NJ and Kristen Horton of North Carolina, and numerous nieces and nephews and seven step grandchildren.

The family will gather for a memorial service on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 1pm at the Green Pond Bible Chapel, 1083 Green Pond Road, Rockaway Township, NJ 07435.

Memorial donations may be made in Gene's name to: West Milford Township First Aid Squad, PO Box 387, West Milford, NJ 07480.

Log onto www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com tribute wall to personally post your condolences, memories, photos, and videos, as well as obtaining driving directions to the church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Green Pond Bible Chapel
1083 Green Pond Road
Newfoundland, NJ 07435
(973) 697-0990
<http://973-697-0990>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Anonymous lit a candle in memory of EUGENE "GENE" RICHARDS*



anonymous - April 01, 2016 at 02:49 PM

Joslyn
Bender

“ *Because there are no words I can only share the wonderful moments we shared. I will forever remember you as strong and active. I think about you every day.*



Joslyn Bender - April 01, 2016 at 02:08 PM

WF

“ *We will always remember his wonderful smile! Please accept our condolences, and know that he was a well-respected man! God bless you all.*

Wm & Margaret Foxon - March 29, 2016 at 08:34 AM



“ So sorry for your loss Carol and family. Gene always had a smile on his face and always said hello, I'm sure he will be missed
Joan Keeler



Joan Keeler - March 29, 2016 at 07:25 AM



“ Dead River Buck Camp Maine with Kurt Sysco



Joslyn Bender - March 28, 2016 at 09:16 PM



“ Words cannot express the way I feel about Genes passing, not only was he the best of neighbors, but he was the best of friends, in spite of the many miles between us he never stopped staying in touch, not a month would go by with out a call from Gene checking on our well being and how the "kids" we're. He will be missed.

James Sierchio - March 28, 2016 at 09:02 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Gene; he & his family built my patents home. Miss you. Sympathy from James Morse Buchanan & daughter Valerie Kinsey in TN

Valerie Kinsey - March 28, 2016 at 06:01 PM

PS

“ What can I say about Mr. Gene? We lived next door to Mr. Gene and Miss Phyllis for many years. Miss Phyllis carefully made wonderful cakes and sweets (sugarless, of course). After school Mr. Gene (or Mr. R) and Miss Phyllis (I always called them by their proper names) let me practice the piano in their living room since our family did not own one at the time. They didn't mind the mistakes and repeated songs over and over while they prepared dinner. I always thought that was so kind. Gene often teased me because I absolutely loved all animals and never wanted to see anything hurt. A long time hunter, he would try to get me to pet furs or he would show me animal skins. He even taught me how to shoot skeet. One time, when I brought a snake home to show my Mom, Pat, she screamed and called for Mr. Gene's help. I had a copperhead in my hands! He ran over and very calmly helped me out of my situation. Mr. Gene always good naturedly joked and pretended to have an "evil laugh" to try to scare us! One time, he reached out for me saying, "I will get you little girl" and our dog Annie - jumped up, barked and chased him all the way home. Another wonderful memory is of the HO trains he set up in his basement. It was an extremely detailed display that took great craftsmanship and skill to build. The trains would wind through the hills, mountains and pastures. As a child I was in awe of the imaginary place he created. He was a very talented craftsman and wood worker, too. I remember him making furniture that took many hours in his garage. The pieces were just beautiful - all hand made with care. He also helped my Dad, Jim, put an addition onto our home. Oh, the late nights with the noise of hammers, nails and a lot of choice words. And, probably a drink or two. And, another memory was when we spent time in the hunting cabin in Maine. Oh my the tales I could tell - mice in the kitchen stuck in a grease can, logs racing down the Kennebec River. All these fantastic childhood memories and stories. I have not seen him in many, many years but will always remember him with a BIG smile and as someone who shared his skills, his home, food and family. He was a great neighbor and friend to my parents - Pat and Jim. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you Mark and your family.

Pamela Stetson - March 28, 2016 at 05:44 PM

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“ *Mr R was a great neighbor, I always felt welcomed to his home, in September 1983 the Richards Family opened their home. My Brother Jmmy Neal had died, the comfort I felt was a humbling experience in my own pain and loss, Mark if see this know on e thing Mom & Dad will always be in my heart for as long as I walk this earth, you my friend will be more than a neighbor, a friend !!!
Glenn*

Glenn - March 28, 2016 at 02:25 PM

 **Joslyn Bender**

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Joslyn Bender - March 26, 2016 at 06:20 PM