



Guy "Gene" Eugene Zimmerman

February 2, 1927 - March 11, 2016

Gene Zimmerman was born on February 2nd, 1927 in Bertha, Minnesota to William and Catherine Zimmerman. On March 11th, 2016, Gene passed away in his home surrounded by those he loved at age 89 in Otis, Oregon. He attended Oregon City High School and then Diesel Mechanic School. On April 1st, 1950, Gene married Lois Young in Vancouver, Washington together having seven children; three daughters Dee, Jan & Debbie and four sons Mike, Jimmy, Bobby and Jerry.

Gene served in the United States Navy as a Seaman First Class. During his time, he was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, American Area Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Area Medal. Gene also served in the Merchant Marines. After he left the Navy he was a Heavy Equipment Operator and Diesel Mechanic. Working at the West Linn Paper Mill as well as doing holiday logging. Other places he worked were; Oceanlake Sand and Gravel, Bob Brown Construction and North Lincoln Sanitation. He was a lifetime member of the Elks as well as a member of the Catholic Church. Gene loved hunting, fishing and camping. Repairing cars, trucks, and heavy equipment were passions of Genes. Basically anything that needed fixed, Gene loved. He lived in many places throughout his life. Gene was born in Bertha, Minnesota then moved to Yakima, Washington. After living in Washington he then moved to Oregon living in Oregon City and then Lincoln City.

Gene is survived by his beloved wife Lois, his daughters Dee Laski, Jan and her spouse Bob Thomas, Debbie and her spouse, Julio Bonilla, his sons, Mike and his spouse Terri, Bobby and Jimmy. As his legacy, Gene leaves behind his eleven grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother William and Catherine Zimmerman. Gene is also preceded in death by his son Jerry Zimmerman.

There will be a Celebration of Life for family and friends held on March 26th, 2016, from 1-4 pm at Wapati RV Park 2118 S. Dirftcreek Road Lincoln City Oregon.

Tribute Wall

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“ I just opened the e-edition of the News Guard & saw the sad news of Gene's death. Mom's out running errands--I'll keep calling her because I know she would want to know. Gene was such a great friend to Dad. I think when Dad & Mom moved to Lacey, Gene was the guy Dad missed most. I can just picture them standing for hours by the pickup out in the driveway, sharing stories & shooting the breeze. Well, now they can shoot the breeze up in heaven--I know Dad missed those conversations after they moved. Lois, my heart is with you. I know you are surrounded by loving family & friends & that includes the entire Baller clan too. You & Gene & Dad & Mom shared so many fun times & were such good friends--you made so many great memories together. Take good care of yourself. Know that we are all sending you & your family our love. Dawn

Guy "Gene" - March 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM