



Raymond "Gene" Eugene Howard

May 18, 1943 - December 8, 2011

Raymond Eugene "Gene" Howard, 68, of Murphysboro, Illinois, passed away at 10:11 p.m. Thursday, December 8, 2011, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday, December 12, 2011, at Pettett Funeral Home, where friends may call from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America. After the funeral services, his body will be cremated.

Raymond was born on May 18, 1943, in Freeburg, Illinois, to Melvin Howard and Anna Frances (Hart) Howard.

He had served during peacetime in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Howard was a member of the Eagles Club in Piedmont and Perryville, Missouri. He loved to go fishing and to shooting matches. He liked to cook and barbeque fish and crawfish and he was a great cook.

Gene married Anna "Sue" Rossman on April 16, 1993, in Greenville, Missouri, and she survives.

Other survivors include five children Vicky Howard Leady of IL, Leah

MacQuarry and her husband Scott MacQuarry of TX, Star McKelvey of her husband Greg McKelvey of AL, Kelly Howard and his wife Dawn Howard of IN, and Kenny Howard and his wife Debbie Howard of IL;

fifteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren;

three sisters and three brothers Carolyn (Mike) Rossman of MO, Darlene (Travis) Hale of IL, Connie (David) Ticer of IL, John (Teresa) Howard of IL, Kenny (Peggy) Howard of MO, Lennie (Faith) Howard of IL;

many nieces and nephews;

special friends Greg and Demetre Stanley, Terry and Pam Hayes, and many other friends.

He was preceded in death by one granddaughter Caroline Howard and his parents.

Many thanks to all the 8th floor staff at Barnes-Jewish Hospital from the family of Raymond "Gene" Howard.

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond "Gene" Eugene Howard*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *my heart is breaking every day. i try to accept the LORD taking you away. i know you are sitting at GODS throne my only peace you are not alone*

sue howard - March 28, 2013 at 11:58 AM



“ *Sue, had not heard a thing!! So very sorry for your loss of Gene!! Please know you have our prayers and kind thoughts for him and for you! I will contact you.*

Tim and Mary Turner - February 09, 2012 at 02:35 PM



“ *Keeping your family in my prayers*

Tracy Frischkorn - December 12, 2011 at 08:28 PM



“ *Kelly, Kenny, & Star;
Please accept our deepest condolences.*

Jim & Terri Cummings - December 12, 2011 at 10:40 AM

LP

“ Kelly, Kenny and Star,
Please accept my condolences. May you be strong for each other
through this time of sadness.
Blessings,
Lynda

Lynda Morthland Pfautsch - December 12, 2011 at 12:32 AM

JB

“ With heartfelt condolences, you are in our
thoughts and prayers. Peace be with you.



Jim & Ruth Ann Bunch - December 11, 2011 at 08:02 AM

GM

“ He Only Takes the Best
God saw that he was getting tired,
A cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around him
and whispered, "Come with Me."
With tearful eyes, we watched him suffer,
And saw him fade away.
Although we loved him dearly,
We could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes "the best".



Greg, Star, & Matthew - December 10, 2011 at 09:05 AM

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“ Sue and Family,

Words cannot describe how much we love you guys. Gene was like a brother to Terry, and we considered you both our closest and dearest friends. We have nothing but wonderful memories and good times with Gene, and we will always remember how he made everyone around him laugh. He loved life, his family and friends more than life, and everyone knew it. OUr hearts are breaking tonight, and we will truly miss him, his jokes and his friendship. May God be with you and comfort you and your family. I'm sure him and Chad are doing quite a bit of catching up right now. We love you, and you are in our prayers.

Terry and TJ

Terry & TJ Hammontree - December 09, 2011 at 09:34 PM