



Gene Bretey

August 10, 1942 - April 29, 2015

Gene Bretey, 72, of Carroll, died Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll surrounded by his family.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. The celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Schott. Music will be by Kate Cuddy, Todd Karolczak and the St. Lawrence Choir. Mass Servers will be Emma and Madison Shook. Lector will be Gerald Bretey. Gift Bearers will be Katelyn Bretey, Brooke Fortner, Joshua Langel, Autumn Fortner, Carter Bretey, and Madisyn Bretey. Eucharistic Ministers will be Lois Shook, Keith Bretey and Shirley Scanlan. Casket Bearers will be Scott Bretey, Clayton Bretey, Chad Shook, Eric Bretey, Shane Bretey, Nick Langel, Micaela Bretey, Megan Langel, and Tyler Bretey. Burial will be in the Carroll City Cemetery with military honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 5 p.m. Monday, where there will be a Christian Wake Service at 6:30 p.m.

The casket will be moved to St. Lawrence Church at 9 a.m. Tuesday where visitation will resume until the time of the funeral mass.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in

Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Gene's family at www.sharpfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Gene's name and may be left at the funeral home or at the church.

Born on August 10, 1942 in Odebolt, Iowa, Gene Raymond was the son of Leslie and Bernice (Bauer) Bretey. The family lived in Odebolt until 1949 when they moved to a farm north of Arion. Gene was baptized at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Odebolt and was confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dow City, Iowa.

Gene received his elementary education through 7th grade at country school in Paradise Township, and graduated high school from Denison Community Schools in 1961. Gene joined the National Guard in 1961 and was honorably discharged in 1968. For one summer Gene drove a stock car at the Denison raceway.

On September 11, 1965, Gene was united in marriage to Judith Ann Ladwig at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dow City. The couple lived in Dunlap and Denison before making their home in Carroll in 1974. Gene was an over the road truck driver and "Silver Dollar" was his radio handle. Over the years he drove for Othmar Schnueltgen, Allied Van Lines, Film Transport, Grothaus, and for Crouse Cartage Company from 1972 until his final retirement in 2000. Gene won several state awards in Iowa truck rodeos and won 3rd place at the National Truck Rodeo in 1979.

Gene had a love for life and was always smiling. He was a devoted husband and enjoyed his family above everything. He was an avid camper and especially enjoyed their longtime membership at Cloud 9 Ranch in Caulfield, Missouri, taking the ATV, and riding the trails. He also enjoyed playing cards and going to his grandchildren's various activities. Gene was a member of St. Lawrence Parish and often volunteered to be an usher and gift collector.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife, Judith Bretey of Carroll; three children: Tina Bretey (fiancé Mike Allen) of Carroll, Tammy (Curt) Langel of Carroll, and Travis (Maria) Bretey of Carroll; ten grandchildren: Brooke and Autumn Fortner, Nick, Megan, and Josh Langel, Micaela, Tyler, Katelyn, Carter and Madisyn Bretey; his siblings: Lois (Paul) Shook of Denison, Gerald (Karen) Bretey of Clive, Leroy (Patty) Bretey of Omaha, NE, John (Marcia) Bretey of Carroll, and Bill (Mary) Bretey of Fairmont, MN; his mother-in-law, Helma Ladwig of Denison, his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Nellie (Tudy) Bretey of Denison, Larry (Annie) Ladwig of Phoenix, AZ, Bill Ladwig of McPherson, KS, Gary (Nancy) Ladwig of Charter Oak, Glen (Maralee) Ladwig of Savage, MN; Carol (Gale) Reis of Denison; Donna Ladwig of Carroll, and Debra (Adam) Lahlou of Centennial, CO, as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended relatives.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Dale Bretey, and his father-in-law William Ladwig.

Tribute Wall

LR

“ *Judy and family,*

We were so very sorry to hear about Gene. It is so very sad. Sorry that we can't be there but at this time it is not possible for us to leave AZ.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

*Yours very sincerely,
Laurel and Ken Rubendall*

Laurel Rubendall - May 05, 2015 at 03:55 PM

CA

“ Dear Uncle and Godfather,
May you be restfully in the arms of Grandma / Grandpa and Uncle Dale. I will never forget the Duke of Hazard skills you taught me at a young age and the way I enjoyed the musical announcement mounted on your pick-up truck. The memories will be forever in my heart and mind.

Tina, Tammy, Travis and Judy,
I am blessed to be chosen to be part of your family and I love you all very much. I am very sorry Uncle Gene was taken from you and the family so early. We all have many childhood and adult memories with Gene and cherish each and every one of them. You ladies are like the sisters I never had. There are many more memories to come and Uncle Gene will always be part of those stories and memories.

Cherish Each Day you have together.
Just "Smile and Nod" :)

Talon read me this quote this morning from a great kids book, "You'll come across plenty of things along your journey that aren't awesome. Some days it will seem like there's more bad than good, but you know that's not true. On days when it's hard to see the awesome, keep looking. It's there."



Christie Shook Adams - May 04, 2015 at 09:44 AM

MB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bretey family during this difficult time.

Mike and Robyn Brinker - May 03, 2015 at 08:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gene Bretey.*



May 03, 2015 at 01:07 PM



“ *Kent And Sandi Gruhn lit a candle in memory of Gene Bretey*



Kent and Sandi Gruhn - May 02, 2015 at 10:59 PM



“ *Gene was a great man! Always willing to lend a hand where need along with a helping hand. He will be truely misses. Deepest sympathy goes to the whole Bretey family. May god comfortloss all in this time your loss! Joe and Tammy Wessling*



Tamela Wessling - May 02, 2015 at 10:53 PM



“ *Sending our deepest sympathy. The Bretey's are some of the best folks ever!*

*Sincerely,
Dan & Patti Muhlbauer*

Dan & Patti Muhlbauer - May 02, 2015 at 10:18 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Family



Tammy Langel - May 01, 2015 at 03:56 PM

BB

Gene was a great man, kind and generous. In my dealings with him he was always good to me, and I witnessed that goodness in how he dealt with others. Despite not having seen him in a few years, I am stunned and deeply saddened by the news of his passing. He will be missed, and remembered with fondness. My condolences to his friends and family on their loss.

*With sincerest sympathies,
Brett Brodersen*

Brett Brodersen - May 04, 2015 at 02:40 AM

PB

“ *Uncle Gene is one of the finest examples of a man that one could ever hoped to have known in their lives. Never without a smile, a hearty laugh, genuine concern for everyone that he met, or tireless love and devotion to his family; he could brighten up a room even before he walked into it, make everyone happy to stay just a little longer, and effortlessly help all those around him - all while telling a story that would make you laugh. He will be sorely missed by all of those who were ever fortunate enough to have known him, but he will never be forgotten or loved as he continues to watch over all of those he loved so dearly.*



Until we meet again!

Paul, Michelle & Kaelan Bretey - April 30, 2015 at 11:56 AM

TF

“ *Tudy and family. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gene Bretey.*



Tudy and family. - April 29, 2015 at 06:23 PM

JB

“ *To the Bretey Family:
I was shocked to hear of Genes passing. I lot of memories of years past.
He always had a pleasant personality. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
God's Blessings.*

Jerry Boger - April 29, 2015 at 10:58 AM

RB

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the Bretey family. We remember all those years of riding the school bus when we were young...parties at your house, dancing, music...a good guy from a good family. May God reward you, Gene, with eternal happiness and Joy.*



Rick and Judy Brodersen - April 29, 2015 at 09:18 AM