

Gene and Connie Eulogy

Connie (Russell) Jackson, was born November 9, 1943 in Oxford, Nebraska and died in her home in Albany, Oregon surrounded by family on May 31, 2020 at 11:30 p.m.

Gene R. Jackson was born December 6, 1938, in Parma, Missouri and died at 11 a.m. on September 2, 2020 in Albany.

Gene grew up in Missouri and then moved with his parents, sister, and late brother to Detroit, Michigan. Later, Gene joined the US Air Force and traveled to various places such as Spain and other colorful cities like Biloxi, Mississippi. While serving his country, he met the love of his life, Connie Russell, a senior from Albany Union High School. After her graduation, Gene and Connie were married on September 23, 1961, at the White Spires Church in Albany. Gene finished his career in the Air Force at Camp Adair in Albany as a Radar Technician.

Gene then went to work at the paper mill (then called Western Kraft) in Albany where he retired as a papermaker after more than 40 years. Gene delighted in going to his daughter's grade school classroom to show the students how they could make paper themselves.

Gene was an avid fisherman and at one time held the record of the largest trout ever caught from Crane Prairie Reservoir in Central Oregon. The Rainbow trout measured 32 inches long and weighed 18 lbs! Gene and Connie liked to spend the summer months at Detroit Lake where they would host huge July 4th parties both on their boat and at the RV Park. Lots of laughter, fun and good times were had by all who came to Gene and Connie's camping and boating parties.

Later, Connie and Gene vacationed at the coast in Florence, OR at Woahink Lake during the summer months. They enjoyed fishing together and taking family and friends fishing on the lake. Gene even had a special name for a very large trout he'd been trying to catch out of the lake called "Walter". But Walter was a wily old fish and probably owns his own real estate in that lake by now.

While in Florence, Connie joined a quilting group at the Lutheran Church. She thoroughly enjoyed working on quilts that would later be dedicated and sent to children and families of disaster-stricken areas all over the world.

Connie had the gift of hospitality and loved to put on events from large ice cream socials at the RV park in Florence to tea parties with her granddaughters and great granddaughters. For several years in a row Connie hosted an annual neighborhood Halloween open house with fun "ghoulish" titles on the families' favorite dishes.

Gene and Connie were long time members of the Elks, Eagles, and Legion out of both Lebanon and Albany. In addition, Connie was a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi and delighted in groups playing pinochle and bunco etc. She also loved playing board games, dice games and cards with family...of which she rarely lost.

Preceding them in death is their son Michael David, as well as parents and beloved aunts and uncles. They are survived by his sister Sue; three daughters; two sons; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; her brother and sister-in-law, David and Jackie Russell; sister June Tobey; several nieces, nephews as well as many other "adopted" family members.

They will be missed here on earth, but they are together forever in heaven. Gene and Connie, we miss you "this much."

celebration

OF LIFE



Gene & Connie Jackson

Gene

1938 ~ 2020

Connie

1943 ~ 2020

In Loving Memory of
Gene & Connie Jackson

A collection of your memories,

Precious time enjoyed together;

Keepsakes

Of the *Heart*

That remain with us *Forever.*

Gene
Age 81

Connie
Age 76

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ENTERED INTO REST

September 2, 2020
Albany, Oregon

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
Eastside Christian Church
Albany, Oregon

OFFICIANT

Pastor Ben Atchley

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS

"Amazing Grace"
"Old Rugged Cross"
"I'll Fly Away"

PRIVATE INURNMENT

Willamette Memorial Park
Albany, Oregon