



## Gene Westbrook

June 5, 1937 - November 17, 2014

Gene Westbrook, age 77, of Dafter, Michigan passed away Monday, November 17, 2014 at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Gene was born on June 5, 1937 in Marysville, Michigan the son of the late Russell and Mildred (Woodruff) Westbrook. He graduated from Marysville High School with the class of 1956. On February 7, 1959, he married Karen Bostick in St. Clair, Michigan. Gene was employed by Ford Motor Company for over 29 years, all the while he worked his farm. Later he retired so he could continue farming in the UP. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, sailing, and playing hockey. He also enjoyed hauling horses for his daughter. Gene was a member of the Bee Keepers Association. Gene is survived by his wife: Karen Westbrook; five children: Kim (Mario) DiLisio of Mt. Clemens, MI, Douglas (Donnell) Westbrook of Algonac, MI, Wendy (Ray) Smith of Chicago, IL, Scott (Cathy) Westbrook of Grand Rapids, MI, and Jerry (Carolyn) Westbrook of Tampa, FL; a son-in-law: Terin Salo of Dafter, MI; and 11 grandchildren: Angelo, Julia, Christie, Michael, Emily, Sydney, Spencer, Michael, Taylor, Elden, and Ilsa. Gene was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter: Sheri Salo; a sister: Wanda MacAllister; and two brothers: Russ and Richard Westbrook. A visitation will be held from 4:00 until 8:00 PM on Friday, November 21, 2014 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on November 22, 2014 at St. James Lutheran Church in Rudyard with Reverend Matt Lamb officiating. Friends may call at the church from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Burial will be at North Rudyard Cemetery. In lieu of

flowers, memorials may be left to Hospice of the EUP.

# Tribute Wall

SA

“ I worked with Gene at Utica trim. Really nice guy. Sorry to hear of his passing.

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**Sam Agrusa** - March 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Karen, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Gene was such a good, kind man and will be missed by all who knew him. God bless you with strength and comfort.

*Love, Sandra Ragland*

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**Sandra Ragland** - November 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Karen, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Gene was a great guy and we will miss him. He was a great golf partner and he and I always had a blast playing against Jim and Larry. He will be remembered fondly. God bless you and your family.

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**Vickie and Jim Simek** - November 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Karen, Scott & Family,  
We were so sorry to hear the news of Gene's death. We remember spending time with him and all of you so many years ago in Florida. Please know that we are praying for Gene and for all of you.  
Our deepest sympathy,  
Steve, Christiane, Gabe & Rachel

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**Steve & Christiane Loring** - November 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Gene was the first guy we played in a golf tournament in Paradise. What a guy! We will miss him. Glad you will have family with you over the holidays. Hope to see you in Paradise this year.

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**Fred & Sandy Anderson** - November 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Karen and family, My deepest sympathies to all. I always had a soft spot in my heart for him. Gene was one of the kindest, gentleman I worked with a Ford. My heart aches for you. I am proud to say he was my friend. He will be sadly missed. Hugs, Denise Hofford

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**Denise Hofford** - November 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Karen and the Westbrook family  
Our hearts are deeply sadden by the news of the passing of our beloved Uncle Gene. We will continue to raise you up in our prayers.

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**Mark & Tina Schwehofer** - November 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Karen and Westbrook family,

*Jerry and I would like you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We have enjoyed getting to know Gene much better through the Beekeepers. He was a "honey" of a guy!*

*We will continue to lift you up in prayer for peace and comfort - praying that the empty place in your heart will refill with warm memories of happy times.*

*Hugs,  
Janice and Jerry Kessler*

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**Janice and Jerry Kessler** - November 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ Karen & family--wish we could be with you, but please know you are in our thoughts and our prayers! We will miss the "honey" man, our U.P. tour guide, and the guy who most appreciated my chocolate chip cookies!.

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**Al & Pat VanDenBergh** - November 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ So sorry for your loss.  
Your book club friend.  
Dorothy

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**Dorothy Hamer** - November 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Gene will be greatly missed. He was a wonderful man and neighbor.*

*We send light, love and blessings your way.*

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**Erik and Tracy Baron** - November 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM