



Imogene "Gene" Alberta Schrader-Nutter

November 1, 1930 - August 21, 2024

Imogene "Gene" Alberta Schrader-Nutter, met her Savior Jesus on August 21, 2024. She had enjoyed her stay at Cedar Cove Assisted Living in Cedarville, Michigan, for one and a half years, ministering there as she had all her life for the glory of our God.

Gene was born to Henrik Bernard and Annie Henderson Strand in Madison, Wisconsin, on November 1, 1930. She lived there with three women, her grandma, Josephine Strand, Aunt Dagny Strand, and her mother. Her father died when she was three years old and the three women raised her, encouraging her to play piano, accordion, and brass instruments in the Salvation Army band. She graduated from Madison East High School and then attended the Salvation Army training college in Chicago, Illinois. She met her future husband playing in the Salvation Army band in Madison, Wisconsin. She married Robert Schrader in 1951, then moved to Marquette, Michigan, for their first pastoral assignment. Both she and her husband were ordained by the Salvation Army, serving churches in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and Michigan City, Indiana.

Gene and Bob left the Salvation Army in 1966 and accepted a position as facilities managers at Cedar Campus, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's training camp in Cedarville, Michigan. They raised their two daughters Marcia and Lynne there from 1966 to 1978, and adopted their son, Paul, from South

Korea during that time. They were very active at the First Union Church in Cedarville. After leaving Cedar Campus, they owned a construction business together and Gene also taught, counseled and served as librarian at Les Cheneaux Community Schools. They moved briefly to Brimley, Michigan, pastoring the Congregational Church there. Gene counseled grade schoolers at Brimley Public School. They retired in 1995, and moved home to Cedarville, often traveling with a group called Mission Builders connected with Youth with a Mission (YWAM). They traveled and volunteered at YWAM sites in Hawaii, Australia, South America, and Florida, and started spending winters in Florida. Bob became ill and died in 2006. After living alone for six years, Gene remarried at 82. She and Neil H. Nutter enjoyed eight great years together. Neil died four years ago, and Gene settled into an apartment attached to daughter Marcia's home in Cedarville. She moved into assisted living in December 2022.

Gene loved to read, sing, lead choirs and bible studies, and preach and counsel any and all who needed her help. She loved her dogs, crossword puzzles, traveling, Wheel of Fortune, and Jeopardy. Her home always had an open door for food and fellowship, along with counseling.

Gene is survived by her children, Marcia (Norman) Perkins of Cedarville, Lynne (Timothy) Ensworth of Blue Hill, Maine, and Paul Schrader (Erin) Hazelgrove of Glen Allen, Virginia; grandchildren, Jason (Karen) Perkins, Hilary (Justin) Reitenour, Matthew Ensworth, Henry Ensworth, Louisa (Jeff) Corson, Ben Hazelgrove and Emily Hazelgrove; great-grandchildren, Brittany (Logan) McMillan, Jayci (Ian) McInnis, Matthew Perkins, Noah, Jacob, Judah, Bella, and Timmy Ensworth, Cooper, Stella and Drake Reitenour, Jack and Sam Koch, Hayden, Harper, and Charley Corson; a great-great-granddaughter due in October to Logan and Brittany McMillan; beloved sister-in-law, Marian Redders; many cousins, nieces and nephews whom she loved to communicate with and write letters to.

Gene was preceded in death by her husbands; parents; numerous loved sisters and brothers-in-law; cousins, a few nieces and nephews, and two great-grandchildren, Grace Reitenour and Daniel Perkins, who did not survive birth.

A Memorial Gathering will be held from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at the First Union Church, 159 E. Hodeck St., Cedarville, Michigan 49719. A Memorial Service will follow immediately at 12:00 Noon.

Memorial Contributions may be made in honor of Gene, at the First Union Church, 159 E. Hodeck St., Cedarville, MI 49719 or Cedar Cove, 266 S. Mary L St., Cedarville, MI 49719.

Obituary as submitted by family.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

SEP **14.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Est)

First Union Church
159 E. Hodeck Street
Cedarville, MI 49719

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

RL

“ Gene and Pastor Bob were so kind and giving to our family, our church, and to our community through the years. She has always been such a kind and caring person, always putting others before herself. I am grateful for all she did for us and I am happy to see she has had the support of such a large and caring family through all her years. I have no doubt she resting peacefully in Heaven. Our deepest sympathy and our prayers to her family,
Robert Lawrence

Robert Lawrence - September 14, 2024 at 11:29 PM

JS

“ Gene and I were in classes together at LSSU, and then I met her again at First Congregational Church in Brimley. She always strove to better herself and others. Rest in peace, sweet lday. Jessica Stanaway

Jessica Stanaway - August 29, 2024 at 01:57 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Imogene "Gene" Alberta Schrader-Nutter.



August 27, 2024 at 11:09 PM

DR

“ Deepest Sympathy, Margaret and Richard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Imogene "Gene" Alberta Schrader-Nutter.

Deepest Sympathy, Margaret and Richard - August 27, 2024 at 11:09 PM

VB

“ Gene was the reason we came to First Union church. Her smile was infectious, her compassion endless, and her faith in her Savior inspiring. She helped me get through some very hard spots with her wisdom. I will cherish her memory forever.

Vickie Buehler - August 26, 2024 at 02:12 PM

SL

“ Loved this lady!! ☐. Will forever cherish her in my ❤️! She was very near & dear to me. Such a special person inside & out! God used her mightaly! I used to tease her and tell her when she gets to heaven she will have so many jewels in her crown that she won't be able to hold her head up! 😂 She helped so many people out, including me, when I needed her the most during a difficult period in my life.

So happy she is rejoicing now and dancing with her Savior. Till we meet again Gene! I was blessed to have crossed paths with you!! Enjoy heaven! See you as soon as the Lord brings us back full circle! ☐ ❤️. Love & miss you my friend!
Prayers to her family 🙏

Sharon LaJoie - August 26, 2024 at 07:47 AM

LS

“ Gene and Bob were a very important part of our life. Providing work, advise, friendship and family to Frank and I. Will always remember the fun we shared over the years, especially the time we lived with them in Big Rapids the summer of 82. The games of Rook, the garage sales and all the fun times working together. What a day it will be when we can see each other again. Love and miss them much!

Lisa Sims - August 24, 2024 at 04:58 PM

SP

“ Gene and then husband Bob use to pick me up and take me to Church. What a difference they made in my life. My brother Frank and I came to know Jesus because of their ministry!! They never stopped pouring themselves into other's. I know They are safely home with Jesus.

Sherry Preston - August 24, 2024 at 03:21 PM

MM

“ Gene lived her life for Jesus and always promoted his salvation with a smile that was very infectious, and that I will miss.

Michael Miller - August 24, 2024 at 09:13 AM

AJ

“ Mrs. Schrader was so kind to my family in so many ways. She touched the lives of so many and was one of the sweetest and caring souls I've ever met. What a legacy she leaves. I just know she's smiling and laughing with Jesus right now.

Amanda Jorgenson - August 23, 2024 at 11:07 PM

JO

“ To the family of Gene:
I first met Gene when she attended Mich Tech/LSSU as a returning student.
Throughout time we would cross paths at church events, ladies retreats, etc.
I remember once at a retreat, Lake State Univ. she was speaking and she talked about her "new clothing finds" She was my type of buyer. Special lady who did so much for so many.
With deepest sympathy, Joyce Crawford-Henderson

joyce - August 23, 2024 at 02:06 PM