

Carl Eugene 'Gene' Orton Obituary



Gene was born May 10, 1947 in San Jose, Calif., to Ralph and Opal Orton. He lived in Lake Isabella, Calif. for the last 25 years, with Kathie Orton, his wife. They were married for 48 years. Gene passed away on July 4, 2014.

Gene is survived by his daughters: Melissa Guido (Bishop, Calif.), Amanda (Jeff) Johnson (Queen Creek, Ariz.), his brother Ralph Orton (Porterville, Calif.), his grandchildren: Jake Guido (Bishop, Calif.), Jennifer (Derek) Doughty (Chandler, Ariz.), Julianna Guido (Bishop, Calif.), Garret Johnson (Queen Creek, Ariz.) and Sarah Johnson (Queen Creek, Ariz.), sister in laws: Linda (Rick) Beacham (Meadow Valley, Calif.) and Jane (Frank) Hill (Ridgecrest, Calif). Nephews and Nieces: Ralph Orton, Nickolas (Sara) Beacham, Lucy Beacham, Amy (Kevin) Howe and Timothy Hill.

Gene and his family moved to Newberry Springs, Calif. in 1959, where he met Kathie Tyler (the love of his life) and raised his children. He went to Barstow Union High School and was part of the class of 1965. He served in the National Guard from 1965-1971. For many years, he drove a school bus, trained other drivers and was the transportation manager for Silver Valley Unified School District. In 1990, they moved to Lake Isabella, Calif. In 1996, he retired from Southern California Edison.

Gene's special interests included playing with his grandkids, taking photographs, wood working, fishing, RVing, being outdoors, lending a hand to others and he loved the Lord Jesus.

He enjoyed being active in Kern Valley Bible church and loved the Thursday night RV group. He also loved his Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study at 1st Baptist church in Lake Isabella.

He earned numerous awards over the years, for work, including a Horton Award with SCE.

A memorial will be at Kern Valley Bible Church on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

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