



Kenneth "Gene" Eugene Gard

May 27, 1937 - September 17, 2013

Kenneth Eugene "Gene" Gard, 76, of Mooreland, died Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at I.U. Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

He was born May 27, 1937 in Mooreland, a son of the late Kenneth Edgar "Shorty" and Frances Cathlene Gard.

Gene was a 1955 graduate of Mooreland High School. He was a former owner of Mitzi's Mini Market, Shawn's Rentals, Gene Gard and Son (a Meadow Gold Dairy distributorship), and also Gard's Auction Service. He was formerly a volunteer fireman for the Mooreland Fire Department. He was involved with the Mooreland Fair for many years as an event announcer. Gene was Past Master and was currently serving as Master of Losantville Lodge No. 674 F&AM. He was a member of the Mooreland North Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jacque; two daughters, Mitzi (husband: Martin) Rees of New Castle and Shawn Gard of Bossier, LA; a son, Greg Gard of New Castle; his grandchildren, Joshua Gard, Pvt. Lennon Gard, Lillius Gard, Ryan Gard, Kaci Rees and Levi Rees; his brothers, Gary (wife: Darlene) Gard, George Gard, Gerald "Buck" (wife: Betty) Gard; a sister, Carolyn (husband: Cecil) Cooper; several nieces and nephews and a special friend, Mick Braun.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Mason Auzenne.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 21, 2013 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Denny Neal and Pastor Mark Thompson officiating. Burial will follow in Mooreland Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 – 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with a Masonic Memorial Service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Society of Henry County. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Gene Gard.

Tribute Wall

KW

“ So sorry to hear about Gene's death. Will always remember his doing to auctions at Kamp Modoc and watching him play at Mooreland. Kim and Kathy from Kamp Modoc.

Kim McAmis, Kathy Wright - October 27, 2013 at 09:54 PM

DC

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Gene...His smile and sunny disposition will be missed by many.

Donna Radford Carnes - September 22, 2013 at 02:55 PM

LR

“ To the family of Gene Gard,
I was unable to make it to the funeral home but wanted to express my condolences for Gene. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Gene was a great man and will be missed but you will see him again some day.

Sincerely, Lora Rains

Lora Rains - September 22, 2013 at 12:20 PM

VS

“ Sorry for your loss, Gene was a good man. I have known the family most of my life and I had to go be an auctioneer because I wanted to be as good as him. I gave up because I will never be that good, he was my hero. Praying for all of you.

Valerie Holcomb Shaneyfelt - September 19, 2013 at 08:17 PM

TQ

“ My sincere condolences to the Gard family during this time of mourning. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Terri Smart Quinn (Cousin to Patricia Ewing)

Terri (Smart) Quinn - September 19, 2013 at 07:09 PM

GJ

“ Mom called and told me of Gene's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. He was one of the most fun, unique, real, good, really good, kind, compassionate, humorous, unique, superb human beings I had ever met. I saw him perform at the Mooreland Free Fair this past summer where he and his siblings put on quite a show. He told me of his recent woe's and it made me enjoy his humor and showmanship even that much more. I shall never forget that show because Gene showed the world how to put on a happy face no matter what adversity life throws at you. What a brave man he was. Prayers for the family and all who loved him who he has left behind. He was a honey if ever a honey there was.

Ginger Casey Jones - September 19, 2013 at 01:06 PM

JS

“ Praying for Gods presence and comfort in your time of grief and loss

Jeff Shelton - September 19, 2013 at 11:02 AM

TM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. What a great loss for our community. May the Holy Spirit comfort you and give you peace.

Tony and Cheryl May - September 18, 2013 at 09:26 PM

LF

“ I'm sure it is not easy letting Gene go, but I feel those that knew him will carry his memory with us. Gene made us feel good about ourselves. Losing him is sad, but to never had meet him is more sad. Few are good, fewer are great.

Lon and Tammy Ferrell - September 18, 2013 at 06:02 PM

ST

“ Kenneth "Gene" Eugene Gard

Star - September 18, 2013 at 05:44 PM

TB

“ I have known Gene all my life and he was a great man to know. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. We all know he is in a better place just so hard to understand why it happens this way but god has a plan and he got a wonderful person. Prayers to the Gard family and may God lift your spirits in this time of sorrow.

Todd Brown - September 18, 2013 at 12:25 PM

WF

“ To the Gard Family: I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Gene. I grew up in Mooreland, graduating in 1959, and know the family. Please accept my deepest condolences! Wayne & Sheila Fowler

Wayne R Fowler - September 18, 2013 at 08:40 AM