



Gene C. Michaels

October 6, 1939 - December 18, 2017

Gene C. Michaels, 78, of Belvidere was called home by Jesus on December 18, 2017. Born October 6, 1939 to Clemens and Frances (Duszynski) Pruszynski in Chicago. Graduate of Lane Tech High School in Chicago. In 1958 he joined the United States Air Force. He received an honorable discharge in 1962 and remained in the Air Force Reserves for two more years. He married Joyce Teal in June of 1966. Gene was a carpenter by trade and he liked to create things with wood. He had a charming wit about him and a comeback for almost everything. He has a saying he always said to his grandchildren, "Grandpa doesn't lie, he joshes." Survived by his wife, Joyce of Belvidere; his son, Derek (Cathy) Michaels; daughter; grandsons, Zachary (14) and Travis (11) who he adored and spent much time with, William, who he loved; sister, Lorraine (Victor) Kay; sisters-in-law, Marilyn D'Angelo and Dottie Lichthardt and many nieces and nephews. Celebration of Life Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at Heartland Community Church, 1280 S. Alpine Rd. Rockford with a Memorial Visitation from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Private interment in All Saint's Cemetery in Chicago. Memorials may be made in Gene's honor to the Wounded Warrior Project, www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 13. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Heartland Community Church
1280 South Alpine Road
Rockford, IL

Celebration of Life

JAN 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Gene C. Michaels



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“ 96 files added to the album Life Tributes



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“ My great friend and neighbor. I will always think of him and smile.
Miss him!
Lenny

Lenny Jascot - January 07, 2018 at 08:28 PM

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“Joyce, so sorry to hear about the passing of Gene. May all the wonderful memories you made and the good times you had, help you through the time of sorrow. Will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Donna and Mike Mattia

Donna Mattia - December 27, 2017 at 08:27 PM

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“Gene would always joke around and never called me by my name. He always called me "cuz" as we were cousins. He will surely be missed. His cuz, Joanne.

Joanne Gramza - December 23, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gene C. Michaels.



December 22, 2017 at 03:23 PM