



Max "Gene" Eugene Talbert

November 11, 1936 - October 10, 2019

Gene Talbert passed away at home in Ozark, Arkansas, on October 10, 2019 after a brief illness. He is survived by Linda Talbert, his loving wife of eighteen years. Other local kin includes Linda's son, Craig Cook, and his wife, Melinda, along with two granddaughters, Jayden and Cassandra. Linda's other son, Rodney Cook, lives in Guam. Gene is also survived by his sister, Doris Morgan, and her husband Richard, Dallas, Texas; younger brothers Richard Talbert, Fallon, Nevada; and William Talbert and his wife, Marti, Yorba Linda, California. Also, numerous nieces and nephews. Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Thelma Talbert, and by his first wife, Donnella. Gene Talbert was born on November 11, 1936, in West Middleton, Indiana. He graduated from Kokomo High School and studied briefly at Indiana University before relocating to California in 1955. He later attended California State Polytechnic University's school of business. Gene Talbert served in the U.S. Army from 1959 through 1964 as a cryptanalyst, stationed in Germany. After his honorable discharge, and while in California, Gene was employed in sales by the Bridgford Meat Co. Yearning to be a business owner, Gene relocated to Ozark, Arkansas in the mid-1970s and purchased Tinker's Liquor in Altus, Arkansas. Gene successfully operated Tinker's until 2014, when he sold the store and retired. Much of his time in retirement was happily spent with the two granddaughters, and cruising and traveling with his wife, Linda. Gene was an avid golfer and a long-time member of the Ozark Recreation Club. He was proud of his multiple holes-in-one and 'shooting his age.' Gene's other passions were regular poker games with a group of close friends and attending deer camp (more for the comradery than deer).

At Gene's specific request, there will not be a memorial service. Please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers or other tokens of remembrance.

Comments



“ I’ve known Gene since the mid 70s and always considered him a good friend. He was a wine connoisseur, a good golfer, and my neighbor for many years. We spent a lot of time discussing the club and golf in general. I’ll miss him. RIP friend.

Jim Edgin

Jim Edgin - October 12 at 03:32 PM



“ Missing Gene already! He was such a good and happy man. We enjoyed traveling with Gene and Linda as well as many evenings of good food and fun new adventures. Our love and prayers to you, Linda, and to all of your sweet family!

Roylene - October 11 at 10:37 PM



“ Linda and family, I am so sorry for your loss.

Janice Higgins - October 11 at 09:40 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss Linda and family. I always enjoyed chatting with Gene and our many laughs. Hugs and prayers for all.

Teresa Coonts - October 11 at 09:34 PM