



Gene Clasen

February 13, 1943 - November 26, 2021

Gene Clasen, 78, of Moses Lake passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, November 26, 2021, after an 8 year battle with Parkinson's. Family was always the most important thing for Gene and he was surrounded by his family in the final days of his passing. Gene was born on February 13, 1943, in Richmond, CA, and spent his childhood in Vale, OR, before moving to WA. He graduated from Ephrata High School in 1961 and married his high school sweetheart, Shirley Wallace in December 1964. They moved to Moses Lake where they raised four children.

Gene worked in the grocery industry and they owned Vista Quick Stop Minimart for 33 years where they met many new friends.

Gene enjoyed hunting and fishing in his spare time. He especially loved fishing with his many family members and always let others catch their fish first. Many memories were made at Sun Lakes for opening fishing weekend, a yearly tradition that started when he was a teenager.

Gene also enjoyed being involved in the Moses Lake freestyle wrestling club, where more lasting friendships were made. He continued to follow the Moses Lake wrestling program throughout his life. His highlight was going to Nebraska to watch his grandson win a NCAA Division II super regional championship and his grandson giving Gene the trophy for all of his support. Gene was so proud of all of his children and grandchildren, family was so important to him. He was always ready to joke around and was known for his sense of humor. It was impossible to be around Gene without laughing or

being part of one of his jokes.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents Ralph and Crystal Clasen, son Brian Clasen, nephews Jason Huffman and Tim Patterson, and niece Jamie Anderson (Dirks). He is survived by his wife Shirley; siblings Diane (Roger) Anderson, Don (Barbara) Clasen, Cathy (Jack) Patterson, Mary (Dale) Huffman, Joanne (Mike) Young; daughter Landi (Kevin) Lee, sons Colby (Stacey) Clasen and Cameron (Stacie) Clasen; grandchildren Taylor, Brandon, Austin, Marissa, Chase, Skyler, Santana, Caitlin, Kylie, and Colter; great granddaughters Iris and Emma; and numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider making a donation to the Special Olympics or the Ronald McDonald House. A celebration of life will be held on December 11, 2021 at 1:00pm at Our Redeemer Church, 172 Ivy St SE in Ephrata, WA.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 11. 1:00 PM (PT)

Our Redeemer Presbyterian Church
172 Ivy Street SE
Ephrata, WA

Tribute Wall

KM

“ I came upon Gene’s obituary late. It’s hard losing the ones we love. I’m sending kind thoughts your way, Shirley.

Kathleen Miles - August 06, 2022 at 03:49 PM

AO

“ He was a wonderful man I worked for him for years



Amanda Lynn Oliphant - July 25, 2022 at 04:07 PM

JY

“ I lived by them as a child. I use to babysit for them frequently. They were a great family. After I grew up and moved away I lost touch with them. My mother always enjoyed talking with them and did business at their gas station.



Janice (Parsons) Yates - January 09, 2022 at 05:17 PM

JL

“ My wife and I had one of the greatest pleasures in our 45 years of marriage when our lives were enriched 7 years ago. As our landlords they became friends whose hearts never stopped loving those around them. Shirley,our prayers are with you and in our family history journal, his love of life and you is there for our family's enrichment, God bless, Jim and Debra ames.

Jim and Debra ames Moses lake - January 02, 2022 at 05:53 AM

SW

“ Shirley, Mike and I are sorry for your loss.. Gene was a great guy and always had a great smile. God bless you and family, I pray for comfort and strength.
Mike and Shirley Woodworth.

Shirley Woodworth - December 15, 2021 at 01:42 PM

LR

“ Oh Shirley I am sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family at this time.

Lucy Rodriguez - December 08, 2021 at 06:57 PM

JS

“ Oh Shirley, I am so very sorry for the loss of this fine man. Our thoughts are with you and your family as you gather to celebrate his life. May God just hold all of you close.
June and Elvis

June Swisher - December 07, 2021 at 03:50 PM

JS

“ June Swisher lit a candle in memory of Gene Clasen



June Swisher - December 07, 2021 at 03:47 PM

ED

“ So sorry to hear of your loss Shirley.

Edith Dirk - December 06, 2021 at 09:41 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Gene Clasen*



Kathy Mitchell - December 05, 2021 at 02:54 PM

KK

“ *oh Shirley, so sorry for your loss.... i was just thinking about you and Gene the other day ... how you were the favorite friends of my favorite Aunt Barb and how much she loved you guys Gene was always so "sparkly", funny, and fun. i am sure he is filling heaven with his huge personality reunited with family and friends and drinking a "pop" or two* ❤️❤️❤️

Kim Korpinen - December 05, 2021 at 02:19 PM

JB

Dear Shirley & Family Bill and I are so sorry for your loss.

Janet Bjork - December 07, 2021 at 01:48 PM

BE

“ *Gene was a great person. I worked for Gene and Shirley for over 25 years. I was so blessed to have known him. Know Shirley and family you are in my prayers.*

Betty - December 05, 2021 at 12:41 PM

BS

“ *I worked her Gene and Shirley for 25 plus years. I have been so blessed to have known Gene and to have worked with him. Many serious conversations but always ended with a good laugh. Rest in peace Gene.*

Betty Schwab - December 04, 2021 at 06:43 PM

KM

“ *They were a great family and so friendly. My son, Jason Moody is trying to connect with Colby on FB.*



Kathy Moody - December 04, 2021 at 04:41 PM

TB

“ *Thoughts and prayers for your family.*

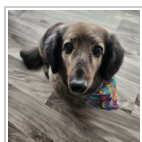


Todd Bohne - December 04, 2021 at 01:11 PM

KK

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Kim Korpinen - December 04, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss, Shirley and family. I worked with Gene at Roth Distributing and he was fun to be around, always so kind, positive, liked to laugh. He will be missed... Leanne (Bullard) Bunn*

Leanne Bunn - December 04, 2021 at 12:00 PM

PV

“ Knew Gene from grocery business and at the quick stop. Then as our sons wrestled together. Wonderful man with a beautiful family. My condolences to you all.

Patty Vehrs - December 04, 2021 at 10:34 AM

JS

“ I'm so sorry to hear about gene's passing. I will never forget the time he took me snowmobiling when I was just a kid. Even though I had not seen gene or Shirley in many years I always had fond memories of you both.

Jim sircin

Jim Sircin - December 04, 2021 at 09:39 AM