



Gene Henry Russell

August 17, 1945 - October 12, 2022

Eugene Henry Russell came into the world at 1:10 AM on August 17, 1945 and left it October 12 at 12:17 AM. He was also known lovingly as Gene, Geno Beno, Gene the Dancing Machine and Treeman.

Gene loved trees. For most of his adult life, he was a forester. He worked for the State of Oregon, then moved on to become a consulting forester who specialized in helping landowners make money without clearcutting. His forests were beautiful works of art. He loved to dance. He won over his beloved spouse Susan with this. He loved people. He was kind and gentle with all of them. He loved peace. He was a member of Veterans for Peace and one of the founding members of the longest running peace vigil in the US. Gene grew up in Yamhill, OR and later, Klamath Falls, OR. As an adult, he was a longtime resident of Corvallis, OR but spent time in other places. He taught Agriculture Education in Long Creek, OR and kept property in Chelan WA. He was a proud member of Kappa Delta Rho. He was Past Grand and Past District Deputy Grand Master in the Oregon Odd Fellows as a member of Barnum Lodge #7. He served the organization for many years as their Cemetery Manager. He was a former Sergeant, Army, 25th Division, 3rd of the 13th Field Artillery and was decorated with the Bronze Star for bravery. He was 100% combat related disabled. He was son of the late Ralph and Edna Russell and brother to the late Bill and Ron Russell and survived by Brother Art Russell. Beloved Friend and Spouse to Susan Prock. Proud Father to

Kevin and Lisa Russell, Arwen and Peter Griffioen, Randy Lettkeman and Dana Jones. Loving Grandparent of Aaron, Eric and Lucy, and Adam Russell, Rhiannon Lettkeman and Willem Griffioen.

Services will be held at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, October 18 at McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th Street, Corvallis Oregon followed by a graveside service and burial in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Gene wanted a natural burial and is lovingly enfolded in quilts made by his mother and mother-in-law and placed in a pine coffin he and his spouse, Susan built together. He is not embalmed. There will be no viewing.

Cemetery Details

Corvallis I.O.O.F. Cemetery

Corvallis, OR 97330

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **18**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home

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Corvallis, OR 97330

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Tribute Wall

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“ Gene- You were always a kind, peaceful spirit. Corvallis won't be the same without you and the original coffee drinkers and peace society. Rest In Peace dear gentle soul.



Susan Burke - October 17, 2022 at 10:25 PM