



Donald Gene Davenport

August 27, 1931 - June 27, 2020

Gene passed peacefully at home in Sioux Falls, SD, on Saturday, June 27, 2020; He was preceded in death by his first wife, Donna Davenport, mother of his children; and survived by Janice (Glen) Rogan, Valerie Davenport, and Stephanie (Martin) Smith; dear Granddad of Claire, Conner, and Trevor Rogan, and Sheriden and Delaney Smith; also survived by his wife, Jeannette Terry Davenport; her children with the late Frank Terry, Kristine (Jerry) Schnacke, Brad (Carlota) Terry and Sonya Francis (Chad, deceased); dear Grandpa Gene to Lia Schnacke, Nicolas, Micaela, and Tristan Terry, and Zayne and Devan Francis; and also survived by his siblings, Robert (Carolyn), Jay (Martha), JoAnn Pierce (Don, deceased), Karen Powers, and Phillip (Rita) Davenport, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Gene was an extremely caring and intelligent man. As a perpetual optimist, he never let anything hold him down for long. He knew a great deal about so many things and enjoyed sharing his knowledge with others. Asking him a simple question seldom resulted in a simple answer, and we learned early on to preface our questions with, "Dad, the short version please!"

Gene loved being a Professor and Chairman of the Psychology Department at St. Louis University, from where he retired after more than 40 years. He also had strong ties to Baker University (Zeta Chi) and made lifelong friends from Topeka High School. Prior to earning his Master's degree and PhD in Experimental Psychology at the University of Minnesota, Gene served honorably in the United States Army for two years, where he was involved in guided missile research at Bethesda, Maryland. Throughout his life, Gene enjoyed reading, technology, watching sports (especially his kids and KU Basketball), fishing, camping, discussing politics, visiting with family & friends, and traveling the world.

Our family is grateful for all of Gene's devoted friends and family. He held everyone close to his heart and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Due to Covid19, we will not be having a formal funeral service in St. Louis. We ask all family and friends to please join Gene Davenport's Celebration of Life Group on Facebook, where we welcome and

encourage additional pictures, comments and stories to be shared in his memory.

Page Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GeneDavenport.memories/>

Tribute Wall



“ I came to the Psychology Dept. in 1969 as a graduate student, married with 4 children and another on the way. Dr. Davenport, and all the faculty were very understanding and supportive. Received my PhD (Clinical Psychology) in 1973. Very good memories. Yes, thank you, Dr. Davenport, and all your contemporary faculty, for giving me a chance. I also retired in 2002, from the University of Wisconsin--Stevens Point.
-- Daniel Kortenkamp

Daniel Kortenkamp - March 04, 2021 at 01:10 PM

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“ Back in the 1970s we did not refer to people as icons, but Gene was one for our Psychology Department. He was an ideal representative of our history and spirit. His dedication was unsurpassed. As our senior colleague he provided guidance, often in long, complex sentences that contained his insights. Thank you, Gene, for all you did for us.

Jim Korn - July 11, 2020 at 09:42 AM