



## Milton Eugene Els

March 21, 1938 - April 5, 2023

Milton Eugene (Gene) Els, 85, of Hillsboro, Missouri passed away April 5, 2023. His parents John and Mary Pearl Els preceded him in death. Gene was the oldest of five boys.

He graduated Hillsboro High School in 1956 then joined the Air Force and was stationed in Greenland. He then returned to Hillsboro, and started a construction company with his father, John Els. Gene was in the construction business for over 50 years. He constructed many of the buildings and bridges in Hillsboro and Jefferson County. Gene could build anything. He also enjoyed farming, and for many years ran a herd of cattle on his farm.

He married Linda Mae Powell in 1980. During their 42 years of marriage they enjoyed traveling abroad and using their RV camper to see the sights in various states. Gene, like his father, enjoyed rebuilding old cars and he owned and flew a Cessna airplane for many years. He greatly enjoyed many fishing and hunting trips with his family. Gene enjoyed spending time with grandchildren and teaching them to fish and to enjoy the outdoors.

Gene was a builder and outdoorsman. He always had a project (many projects) and was always willing to try something new.

Gene was a member of the first Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro.

He is survived by:

His wife and best friend, Linda Mae (nee Powell) Els

His children: Janice (Andy) Els Tuck, of Overland Park, Kansas, James Els of Hillsboro, Missouri, and Matt Cage of Cadet, Missouri.

His Brothers: Robert (Linda) Els of Greenfield, Missouri, Dennis (Doris) Els of Centralia, Illinois, David (Karen) Els of Littleton, North Carolina.

His Sister-n-Law Kathy Els of Hartsell, Alabama.

Many Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his brother Kenneth Els.

A Celebration of Life will be held May 27, 2023 at the First Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ Lynn Berry and Henry Clouse has purchased Eco-Friendly Memorial Trees for Milton "Gene" Els



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**Lynn Berry and Henry Clouse** - May 31, 2023 at 05:39 PM

NK

“ Linda and family, I really appreciated Gene for always stopping by the shop I rented from He and Linda for 20 years. When he was around checking out the building he always stopped by for a visit and to say Hi and ask if there was anything wrong or anything I needed to be fixed. He was kind and considerate and there could never have been a better couple to rent from. I know he will be missed by so many in Hillsboro so knew him from his life long work in the community. My sincere sympathy to Linda for his loss.

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**Nancy Klos** - May 24, 2023 at 04:50 PM

JB

“ Jefferson County Beekeeping has purchased Blooming Sympathy Garden for Milton "Gene" Els



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**Jefferson County Beekeeping** - May 23, 2023 at 10:02 PM

KL

“ Matt, so sorry to hear about your father passing. My mom is living with me in Florida now. Kim Wall Labanca (dtr of Shirley Wall & stepdtr of Jack Konersman)



Kimberly M LaBanca - April 21, 2023 at 12:36 AM

KP

“ Linda, so sorry for your loss of Gene. Sympathies & prayers to you and all the family.

Karen Prader - April 17, 2023 at 03:01 PM

BE

“ So sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in my prayers.



Bettina - April 14, 2023 at 01:37 AM

SM

“ Gene and my father, Brunson Hollingsworth, we're friends. They were a hoot together. Janice and I were buddies also. My sympathies to the family for his loss.

sallie meine - April 10, 2023 at 11:40 PM