



## Roland Eugene Penn

July 22, 1949 - July 29, 2015

Penn, Roland Eugene “Gene” of Ballwin, Missouri, was born July 22, 1949 in Louisiana, Missouri, to Roland and Ella (nee Stewart) Penn, and entered into rest, Wednesday, July 29, 2015, at his residence in Ballwin, Missouri, at the age of 66 years and 7 days.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Elizabeth “Betty” (nee Klein) Penn, married January 27, 1973 in St. Louis, MO. They were married for 42 years and blessed with 3 children and 4 grandchildren. His children are Jim and wife Debra Penn of Moscow Mills, MO, Julie and husband Joerg Haenisch of Gladbeck, Germany, and Jonathon Penn of Ballwin. His grandchildren are Kylie, Jackson, Owen, and Eli. Gene is also survived by his two sisters, Kathy Brooks-Maness and Ellen Brooks-McCormick. He will be dearly missed by many other family members and friends.

Gene had a heart of gold and selflessly helped those in need. There was nothing that Gene couldn’t fix or an issue he couldn’t resolve. He volunteered for many organizations and was well known throughout the community. Gene was very hard working and extremely loyal. He was a loving and caring father, grandfather, husband, and friend. He loved to tell stories and had many to share. Roland Eugene Penn is fondly remembered and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A Memorial Mass will be held on August 22, 2015 at 10:00 am at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 567 St. Josephs Ln, Manchester, Missouri. A Celebration of Life gathering will follow the service at Paul A. Schroeder Park, 359 Old Meramec Station Road, Ballwin, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Camp Hope at PO Box 52, Farmington, Missouri 63640 or at [www.camphopeusa.org](http://www.camphopeusa.org). Camp Hope is dedicated to honoring the fallen by helping wounded soldiers and veterans. Family and friends can review and share stories, photos and condolences online at [www.stlfuneral.com](http://www.stlfuneral.com).

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Roland Eugene Penn*

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“ *Betty so sorry about Gene. I know he has been in bad health but does not make it any easier. Please know I am here for you if you need a friend.*

**Shelby Redman** - September 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Grief can be very hard, but the special memories that make us smile and made real impressions on us help us cope. Remembering the best about Gene today and always can lighten our hearts.*

**Lora Gallagher** - August 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *It's hard to find the right words to say. To me, you've been so much more than a friend. You've been like a brother, but even more than that. You've been there to sustain and support me through some of my hardest times and I know I'll be lost without you there for me now. The halls at JB seem so empty and silent without you. But yet, I still feel your presence there and always will. I can't and won't say goodbye, for that is just too final. I will just say as we always did, "talk to you later". Love ya forever.*

**Mike Jahns** - August 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I can't hear C.C.R. without thinking of you. Growing up with trips to beautiful rivers, caving, and exploring- Gene, I can't thank you and Jim enough for giving me a love for the outdoors. Your spirit will always be with me.

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**Pat Somerscales** - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Gene Your legacy will be carried on with your children and grandchildren. You are missed dearly. You raised a good son and a good friend to me Jim. RIP Gene

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**Dan Kern** - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Gene no longer will there be rough seas for you. The water is now smooth sailing for you, RIP my friend you have earned it and thanks for getting on my butt about the VA. I know there are a lot of Vets that will miss you for the way that you helped them.

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**Mike Carter** - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Gene, you will be missed. You were a good son-in-law to me and was always there to help me in any way you could. Eternal rest grant unto you and let perpetual light shine upon you.

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**Marie Everhardt** - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I've always called him uncle Gene. I remember as a kid how much fun it was to go play in that big basement with my younger brother, Jim, Johnathon, and Julie. Uncle Gene was always so funny, and genuine, and sometimes a little scary. He was my dad's best friend for as long as I can remember. We will all miss him very much Rest in Peace, you are loved

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**Jennifer Yount Asher** - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM