



## Eugene "Gene" F. Spencer

April 20, 1943 - March 26, 2025

Eugene "Gene" F. Spencer, 81, of Grand Island passed away on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at Good Samaritan Society in Grand Island.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Memorial services in Gene's honor will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 4, 2025 at All Faiths Funeral Home. Dan Naranjo will officiate. Burial will follow at Grand Island City Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Gene was born on April 20, 1943 son of Fred and Pauline (Loy) Spencer in Brewster, NE. As a boy, Gene grew up with his cousins on the Spencer Ranch near Brewster. He graduated from Ansley High School.

On July 29, 1961 he married his high school sweetheart, Kathleen "Kate" Smith. They lived on the Davis Ranch near Mason City. Gene ranched full time until 1967 when he started as a welder at Case New Holland until his retirement.

Gene was a ranch kid from the sandhills. He trained horses for many years and raised cattle. He could fix anything and was an excellent welder. As a car enthusiast, Gene & Kate made annual trips to the Indy 500 with Kates's brother Bob. He and Kate also made trips to the sand dunes in Oklahoma with "the buggy bunch". With family at his core he enjoyed family camp trips, gatherings, and card playing with family and friends. His sense of humor and wittiness was always on point at any one of these.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Kate of Grand Island; children, Troy (Pam) Spencer of Grand Island, Taber (Michelle) Spencer of Central City and Shauna (John Stoltenberg) Heckathorn of Cairo; grandchildren, Jarah (James) Hoesche, Andrew Spencer, Taylin (Ernesto) Hernandez, Ryan Spencer, Mikayla (Chase) Evans and Shelby Heckathorn; two great-grandchildren and one on the way; cousins, Eileen Engelking, Beverly Schaaf and Larry Spencer; numerous extended family and friends.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Roberta.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

APR 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
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## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Eugene "Gene" F. Spencer*



All Faiths Funeral Home - April 04, 2025 at 09:27 AM

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“ *From Gary and Helen Krichau and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Eugene "Gene" F. Spencer.*



From Gary and Helen Krichau and family - April 02, 2025 at 06:31 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" F. Spencer.*



April 01, 2025 at 11:07 PM

 Marcia  
Davis

“ Our lives did not directly touch Gene's here on earth, as far as we can recall. May we meet him in eternity with Jesus in Heaven. May memories lead each of you to the road we each must find, leading to the heart of our Lord and Savior. Our empathy to Taber, Michelle and the families who mourn their loss. <<>> Brian & Marcia Davis, Fremont, NE

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**Marcia Davis** - April 01, 2025 at 06:10 PM

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“ Gene was always there to lend a hand when in Oklahoma and when back home in Grand Island. It didn't matter if it was mechanical or just to support you. We had a lot of good times with the "Buggy Family" He is riding the dunes in Heaven now.

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**Melody and Dean Korgel** - March 31, 2025 at 09:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" F. Spencer.



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March 30, 2025 at 10:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eugene "Gene" F. Spencer.

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March 30, 2025 at 10:27 PM

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“ *Gramps always was teaching me how to do things!* ”



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**Shelby Heckathorn** - March 28, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" F. Spencer.* ”



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March 28, 2025 at 12:28 PM