



## Oral "Gene" Eugene Lightfoot

August 3, 1935 - October 4, 2011

Mr. Oral Eugene Gene Lightfoot, age 76 of Polk, Missouri passed away on Tuesday evening, October 4, 2011 at Brookhaven Health Care in Springfield, Missouri.

He was born August 3, 1935 in Polk, Missouri to J.C. Lightfoot and Stella M. (Brown) Lightfoot.

Gene was saved at an early age and was baptized on August 21, 1944. He served in the United States Military from 1958 to 1961. On September 2, 1961 he married Carolyn L. Kimberling-Wilken in Miami, Oklahoma.

Gene worked as a sewing machine mechanic for the old pants maker factory in Bolivar from 1963 to 1984. Then the Lee Company in Lebanon until he retired in 2000. He farmed until his illness didnt allow him to do so any longer.

Gene and Carolyn celebrated 50 years of married life on September 2, 2011 quietly due to Genes illness. He enjoyed going to church and to see his church family. He also raced cars in the late 60s, known as car #52.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son; Oral Eugene Lightfoot, Jr., and a daughter; Shelly Lightfoot.

Gene is survived by his wife; Carolyn L. Lightfoot of the home, one son; Carl Tony Wilken and his wife Debbie of Urbana, Missouri, one daughter; Sheila Shaff and her husband Daniel of Pittsburg, Missouri, eleven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, two brothers; Jerald Lightfoot and his wife Bernice of Polk, Missouri, Donnie Lightfoot and his wife Jeannette of Polk, Missouri, many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and one sister-in-law; Sharon McGinnis.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00am, Friday, October 7, 2011 at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri with Brother Jerry Crain and Brother Curtis Howard officiating. Musical selections will be Victory In Jesus, I Feel Like Traveling On and Amazing Grace. Burial will follow at Payne Cemetery in Polk, Missouri. A visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00pm on Thursday evening at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar. Pallbearers will be Kenny Jones, Carl Jones, Denton Roberts, Denzil Roberts, Bobby Simpson and John Lusk. Honorary Pallbearers will be Johnny Cansler, Gene Boos, Lowell Noblitt, Bill Yoast and Don Hicks.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Oral "Gene" Eugene Lightfoot

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Oral "Gene" Eugene Lightfoot

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ Carolyn, I enjoyed knowing and working with Gene, He was always pleasant to be around. Clint

**Clinton and Marlene Michel** - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

**Barb & Tom Layton** - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ It was a pleasure taking care of Oral while he was here. Thanks for allowing us to care for him and I hope the best for you and your family.

**Angela Smith** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Carolyn, yourself and family are in my prayers and thoughts during this final journey with Oral. He was very much loved in our facility, often found to be laughing and joking with staff particularly during his Therapy sessions; Although he was often in pain, he always had a smile and a joke, "never wanted to be a bother to us". He is now at peace although he will always be with you. May God blses and give you comfort and peace.

*Carolyn Elder, Medicare Nurse Case Manager*

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**Carolyn Elder** - October 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Doris and Paula

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**Doris Spainhower** - October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I was so sad to hear of Gene's passing. I am sorry I was unable to attend the services. Carolyn, Sheila, Tony and all the family--you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Shannon Lightfoot** - October 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Caroline: Sorry for your loss, I enjoyed working with Gene.  
*Randy Wells*

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**Randy Wells** - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ We are so sorry to hear about Gene.

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**WAYNE AND ROBIN WOLKEY** - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ so sorry to hear about gene. may god bless you and comfort you and your family.  
dorothy butler (my mom) wants to say how sorry she is for you loss also.god bless you

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**debbie (bulter ) jackson** - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM