

OBITUARY

Gene Raymond Shreve, Sr. was born April 14, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan to William Orlo Shreve and Gladys Struthers (Shreve).

Gene attended the Detroit Public School System. He started at Comerse High School and graduated from Central High School in 1962. Right after high school, he started working for Ford Motor Company. Later, he graduated with a bachelors degree from Wayne State University.

When he was in high school, he met Carrie Loudon, and they were later married in 1965. After 7 years of marriage, Gene Raymond Shreve, Jr. was born on March 14, 1972. Unfortunately, Gene Sr. and Carrie divorced in 1986.

One constant in his life was working at Ford Motor Company for 43 years where he assumed many roles. He started in the foundry and finally ended up as a production supervisor in the fuel tank division. After a long career at Ford, he retired in 2002.

Much of Gene Raymond Shreve, Sr.'s life was spent living life to the fullest for himself. He was outwardly social, but still a very private person. His final years were spent in and out of the hospital. His long time partner, Carolyn Simmons, lovingly took care of him. Gene passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2022. He came from a family of 12 (5 sisters and 7 brothers). He is the final brother to pass away.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his son and wife (Gene Raymond Shreve, Jr. and Wendy Shreve), his partner (Carolyn Simmons), his ex-wife (Carrie L. Shreve), his sisters (Marguerite Oliver, Lois Faith Strong, Sandra Shreve, Dale Shreve, Rebecca Shreve), and many nieces, and nephews.

“THE TRIUMPH OF THE ROSES”

*Excerpt from a Poem by Ronald F. Shreve
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... The day finally comes, when the King walks through,
looking for those special flowers,
their aroma breaks forth and fills the air,
for this is their finest hour.

Our life is like the rosebush.
We may start as an unproven child,
but as God plants us in his garden,
we cease to be so wild.

He allows the problems of life to come,
that we often have to face,
for it gives us a chance to overcome,
as we grow and run our race.

But if we endure and overcome
even though there is strife,
we are guaranteed to give forth His fragrance,
while sharing the joy of his life.

He will take us in His loving arms
and put us on display,
for we will be gathered together
into a glorious bouquet.