



Gene Raymond Gnatowski

February 8, 1949 - February 20, 2024

Gene Raymond Gnatowski, age 75, of Merriam, Kansas, peacefully passed away on February 20, 2024.

Gene was born to Edward and Clara (Studzinski) on February 8, 1949 in Cleveland, Ohio. Gene attended schools in the Cleveland area where he was active in football and wrestling. Following high school graduation, Gene attended the Cleveland Institute of Art and the Ivy School of Professional Art in Pittsburgh. In the early 70s, Gene relocated to Denver and began building homes. While working on a short term building project in Kansas, Gene met the love of his life. After residing in Denver for several years, Gene and Rhonda relocated and made Kansas their home. They welcomed their daughter, Chelsey, in 1986. She was Gene's pride and joy. Upon retirement from the Harvey County Sheriff's Department in 2014, they relocated to the Kansas City area to be closer to family. Gene enjoyed hunting and fishing, but most of all spending time with his grandchildren.

Gene is preceded in death by his father and mother, Edward and Clara Gnatowski and his oldest brother, Larry Gnatowski. He is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Rhonda, beloved daughter Chelsey and son-in-law David Keim, and three grandchildren, Elias, Eliana, and Elysia. He is also survived by his sister Judy (Kenny) Pudelski, brother Jim (Sue) Gnatowski, sister-in-law Roxanne Groff, nephew Jay (Ruth) Pudelski, niece Mandy

(Adam) Shook, and many extended family members.

A memorial service will be held Monday, February 26, 2024, at Christ Community Church in Shawnee. 13330 W 62nd Terrace, Shawnee, Kansas. The service will begin at 2:00, followed by a reception.

Below is the link to watch the service live-streamed Monday beginning at 1:45.

<https://cckc.online.church/>

Inurnment will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Gene's memory can be made to the Advent Health Foundation-Kansas City to support the Cardiology campaign.

<https://give-kcf.adventhealth.com/campaign/adventhealth-kc-foundation-annual-campaign/c417228>