



Mr. Harold Eugene "Gene" Sivard, Jr.

May 21, 1957 - December 28, 2017

Harold Eugene Sivard, Jr. passed away on December 28, 2017 at his home, east of Cedar Creek, Nebraska, having, attained the age of 60 years, 7 months and 7 days.

Affectionately known as "The Veggie Man", Gene was born at Springfield Massachusetts, on May 21, 1957. He was raised and schooled in several different locals, as his Father was in The United States Air Force. Gene graduated from Springfield Technical High School in 1975. After graduating from High School, Gene entered the United States Air Force Reserves, on August 13, 1975. While in the US Air Force Reserves, Gene was employed at an event center, as part of the set up crew. In 1990, Gene moved his family to Plattsmouth, to be near his father, who had been stationed at Offutt Air Force Base. Gene worked at B & B Orchard, which was owned by Bernice and Bob Falberg, where he was instrumental in their day to day operation. Gene was also at this time, a mentor to youngsters who worked at, and visited the orchard, helping them to learn about agriculture and growing garden produce. He had a knack for growing vegetables and truly had a green thumb. Gene was a pioneer, in the concept the Farmers Markets, and sold his produce in the surrounding cities and towns of eastern Nebraska. In 1990 Gene started his own produce business, which he called "Gene's Green Thumb".

Gene was a member of The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #365 of Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

He is survived by Mary Page of Cedar Creek, one son, Scott Sivard and his

wife, Holly, of Bellevue, NE, three daughters, Michelle Sivard and David Jackman of Chicopee, MA, Melissa Moore and husband Jed of Phoenix, AZ, Sarah Sivard of Plattsmouth, NE, seven grandchildren, David Jackman, Jr., Hayden Sipmann, Mason Rose, Dawson Jackman, Sophie Jackman, Shelby Jackman, Harold Sivard III, mother, Beverly Sivard of Palmer, MA, two brothers, Duane Sivard and wife Melissa of Chicopee, MA, Daryl Sivard and wife Faye of Sedalia, MO, one sister, Cheryl Demers of Palmer, MA, plus a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and many friends.

Gene was preceded in death by his father, Harold E Sivard, SR, two brothers, Kevin Sivard and Brian Sivard.

Funeral Service for Gene will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at Roby Funeral Home, 10:00 am, with visitations, one hour before services. Burial will take place at Omaha National Cemetery, Omaha, Nebraska, with military rites by Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard.

Memorials in Gene's name may be directed to his Family, a suitable charity will be established at a later date.

Funeral Services and arrangements are entrusted to Roby Funeral Home, 346 Avenue A, Plattsmouth, NE 68048, ph (402) 296-3123, robyfuneralhome.com, robyfuneralhome@charter.net.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Harold Eugene "Gene" Sivard, Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Dad thank you for all you have given me...unconditional love...strong work ethic...the strength and yes stubbornness to make it through roughest of days...my heart to love at. capacity that I am able to and lastly my beautiful children to love as deeply as you do yours You will always be the brightest star in my sky..Shelly Belly Goober*

Michelle Sivard - April 29, 2018 at 08:59 PM



“ *My heart is sad and thinking about the family during this difficult time. Gene has impacted so many lives during his time on this earth. He was always there to help me out when needed. Gene, you will be missed greatly.*

Diana Sivard - April 29, 2018 at 08:59 PM

EP

“ I met Gene at the B&B orchard when he moved in after we moved out. We had lived there for quite a few years and utilized the surrounding fields for hunting and shooting. Gene and I became close friends as he was gracious enough to allow our shooting and hunting activities to continue. He also held bon fires for my teenage kids and their friends at the orchard as well as pig roasts and hay rack rides in the fall. Our friendship continued when he moved 'out west' with his new love Mary. We met on a regular basis working on laptop issues for him and loaded up on veggies when harvest time arrived. Knowing him and being his friend is an honor I will carry forever. He will be greatly missed by my family: Ed, Nancy, Nick and Jenny Perkons. Rest in Peace my Friend.

Ed Perkons - April 29, 2018 at 08:59 PM

JM

“ I met Gene through my good friend Ed. we enjoyed many fun times at the orchard shooting, hunting and just shooting the bull. caring and generous to a fault, veggie man, you're greatly missed.

Joel Medbery - April 29, 2018 at 08:59 PM

PR

“ You were and always will be a great friend Gene! We have so many great memories of you. You were always such a hard worker and when it was time to sit and relax to have a few drinks you were still working. One thing we will always remember is your green thumb Gene! You taught me so much about the garden and tips I will never tell Thank you for always being a best friend to my mom Carol Kasal she is indeed going to miss your daily phone calls Gene! You will NEVER BE FORGOTTEN MY FRIEND! Rest In Peace and give our daughter Savannah a kiss on the cheek and we will see you on the other side! ?? You will ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS be remembered my friend! ?D

Phil & Tracy Robertson - April 29, 2018 at 08:59 PM

HS

“ To all of the Sivards Please know that I, along with my family, share deeply in all your loss and sorrow with genes passing. he leaves me with a void that no one will ever replace. 813 gene Love, Helen Sivard

Helen Sivard - April 29, 2018 at 08:59 PM

JA

“ He was the nicest person, I became a friend through the farmers markets in the Omaha area Prairie Fire Pizza would like to express our sorrow for the family and its loss

Jerald Aguilar - April 29, 2018 at 08:59 PM

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“ I started working for Gene when I was in 5th grade and continued on and off for 9 years. I was initially paid in honey sticks :) ! Working on his farm and at the markets will forever be a hugely formative experience for me. And some of my favorite memories. Gene was the kindest, most genuine person. I have moved around a lot and I still have found no better corn and apples than what Gene grew on his farm/orchard. The market will never be the same without Gene's Green Thumb.

Shanon Reckinger (McIntyre) - April 29, 2018 at 08:59 PM

MR

“ Gene my friend, I can't make you're final service, but rest in peace my friend, you were and always have been there for me.

Montie Ruffner - April 29, 2018 at 08:59 PM

RR

“ Dearest Gene even though we weren't married for very long you gave me two of the most beautiful daughters any mother could ask for , you even befriended both of my boys . And had Ronnie out on your farm working for the summer we moved out to Arizona . They both cared for you and always had fun with you . I remember Brian saying wow look at all the marijuana out here ,and all it was with hemp plants. You we're friends with everyone you met . and everyone that met you were friends with you . take care dear Gene you're in gods hands now and while you're up there can you give my mom a big hello and kiss for me she always loved you . Good by Cisco kid your friend always baby Ruth bye

Ruth Rose - April 29, 2018 at 08:59 PM