



Gene R. Rogne

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Gene Rogne, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and child of God. Gene Rogne of Minocqua, WI, passed away peacefully on January 2, 2024 at the age of eighty-six. His daughter, Amy, was at his side at the time of his passing. Gene was a kind, gentle man that loved helping his family and friends in any way he could. He will be dearly missed by the many people he touched during his lifetime.

Gene was born on the family farm near Valders, WI on June 23, 1937 to Oscar and Helen Rogne. He was oldest of five children and lived on the farm until he left home after high school. He had fond memories of his life on the farm, often reminiscing about his horse Silver, who he would ride “all day long”. It was also during this upbringing that he developed an interest in large machinery, most notably tractors and large trucks.

After graduating from Valders High School in 1955, Gene joined the army with the ROTC program and attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. After one year, he decided to leave the program and follow in his father’s footsteps to join the Manitowoc County Highway Department, where he worked for 40 years until his retirement in 1996.

Gene married Judy Ann Popelar of Mishicot, WI on September 8, 1962. They lived near Newton, WI and were blessed with three children. During their time in rural Newton, he enjoyed caring for the property, planting trees, gardening, mowing the lawn and creating a camp site in the back woods. He also enjoyed family camping and fishing trips to Drummond, WI and other areas around the state. He especially enjoyed the annual "Mystery Weekend" each year with their friends.

After retirement, Gene and Judy moved to Minocqua, WI, where they lived on a beautiful 12-acre wooded property. They quickly became involved in the community, joining Ascension Lutheran Church and the Forest Riders Snowmobile Club. Gene put his snow clearing skills to work by serving as a trail groomer for over 10 years. He created great friendships with the neighbors and spent many hours helping them with various projects, especially snow removal with his beloved John Deere tractor. He also spent many hours in his woodshop making crafts and other creations.

For the past three years, Gene lived at Milestone Senior Living in Woodruff, WI. At this facility, Gene was able to get the care he needed and live comfortably. The staff at Milestone did a tremendous job with his care.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Helen Rogne, his brother Darrell Rogne, his sister Signe Burkart, sister-in-law Mary Rogne and brother-in-law Bud Delgman. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Judy Rogne, his brother Ronald (Betts) Rogne of Ramsey, MN, his sister Sonja Delgman of Grafton, WI, brother-in-law Mike Burkart of New Holstein, WI, two daughters, Lisa (Mike) Bruehl of Manitowoc, WI and Amy (Paul) Pflieger of Minocqua, WI, son Mark (Sue) Rogne of Manitowoc, WI, eight grandchildren, Michael Emond of Manitowoc, WI, Adam Rogne of Manitowoc, WI, Melissa Emond of Peshtigo, WI, Evan (Megan) Pflieger of Minocqua, WI, Jacob

Rogne of Littleton, CO, Kelsey (Trent) McClure of Austin, TX, Mason Pflieger of Minneapolis, MN and Emily Rogne of Manitowoc, WI, and nine great-grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life service at 11am on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at Ascension Lutheran Church, 7937 US Hwy 51, Minocqua, WI 54548. Visitation will be from 10am – 11am at the church and a lunch reception will immediately follow the service.

Gene will be interred at Knollwood Memorial Park, Manitowoc, WI.

Memorial contributions can be made to Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua, WI.

Cemetery Details

Knollwood Memorial Park

Manitowoc, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ascension Lutheran Church
7937 Hwy 51 S
Minocqua, WI

Celebration of Life

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Bob & Nikki Beer & Lakeland Rental Staff purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gene R. Rogne.*



Bob & Nikki Beer & Lakeland Rental Staff - January 26, 2024 at 10:39 AM

BS

“ *Bob & Nikki Beer & Lakeland Rental Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gene R. Rogne.*

Bob & Nikki Beer & Lakeland Rental Staff - January 26, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Gene R. Rogne.*



January 19, 2024 at 07:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gene R. Rogne.*



January 13, 2024 at 12:37 AM

RJ

“ What a wonderful person who married my cousin Judy. She will miss her life partner who together made many great memories together. Rest in peace Gene.
Roseann

Roseann (Hermann) Johnson - January 12, 2024 at 06:49 PM

JH

“ Judy sending hugs and prayers to you and your family. Johnny and Gene worked together for a long time. Joanie Hutterer.

Joanie Hutterer - January 08, 2024 at 06:13 PM

AS

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of Gene ❤️ A generous, good-hearted, kind man with warm humor. I have so many happy memories. I'm forever grateful to him and Judy ❤️

Anna Hard af Segerstad - January 06, 2024 at 03:39 AM

JD

“ Judy & family I am so very sorry for your loss.

Joan Dvorak - January 05, 2024 at 02:07 PM

KN

Our hearts are full of sorrow and sadness 😞 Gene was a wonderful man full of life, happiness, and fun!! We have many wonderful memories of family time with the Rogne's!! Camping, fishing, Friday night fish fries and playing Sheepshead ❤️ Our prayers of condolences are with your family. He is with his fishing buddies in heaven ❤️❤️

Karen Nelson - January 05, 2024 at 07:34 PM

CK

Judy, I am so very sorry for your loss. Dave and I came to Minocqua to visit you both shortly after your move up north. You both were so excited to show us your new home and to start a new chapter in your retirement. Also many fun memories working with you at Holy Family Hospital. You're in my thoughts and prayers, your cousin Cindy Klein (aunt Helen's daughter)

Cindy Klein - January 10, 2024 at 08:11 AM

SB

Judy my thoughts are with you and your family at this sad time.
Shirley Belanger

Shirley Belanger - January 11, 2024 at 09:49 AM

LF

Judy, Lisa, Mark and Amy and families: Heaven gained a wonderful fun-loving soul. So many great memories of you and Gene! God bless and keep you as you celebrate a life well-lived.

LuAnn Ferron - January 11, 2024 at 10:46 AM