



Eugene Wathen

July 4, 1946 - April 9, 2011

Eugene Edward Wathen was born July 4, 1946 in La Junta, Colorado to Irene and Walter Wathen. He passed away on April 9, 2011 after a valiant battle with cancer. Gene was an amazing human being and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Gene grew up in Fort Collins, Colorado and graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1967. Shortly after graduation Gene joined the Army and did one tour of duty in Vietnam. He received several medals and commendations while serving his country. After his time in the Army, Gene worked for Ideal Cement and then started his own tile company. Gene is survived by his wife, Lani Lee of 30 years, his daughter, Erin of Texas, and a brother, Steve of Fort Collins, Colorado. Gene loved the outdoors, boating, camping, and was a master diver. He loved to travel, loved meeting new people and was an instant friend to all. Gene was a generous, kind and loving man. Gene loved his music and enjoyed listening to his music at full volume. He spent quite a bit of time in Costa Rica, where he and his wife, Lani had a retirement home. Gene was a free spirit and lived life to the fullest and will be remembered for his spirit of adventure. Gene, we love you and miss you, and we wish you a wonderful new journey! There will be a celebration of his life on Sunday, April 17th at the VFW at 603 Lesser Drive in Fort Collins from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Tribute Wall

EW

“ *Gene my father. Geno was his name everyone knew him as. I miss you so much. I think of you everyday. I wish I had more time with you. I need you so bad. I have meant so many people that knew you. I wanted you to see me finally get it together and be happy. I know you are with me always. I will see you one day. Love you.*



Erin wathen - April 07, 2025 at 11:55 PM



“ *Eugene Wathen*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM

BB

“ *Gene was a great friend! Sorry I just found out. I got out of the military and went to work at ideal cement where we met.*
Bob Bright

Bob Bright - July 24, 2015 at 07:15 PM

EP

“ *Friends - how sad we are to loose them, but how lucky we are to have had them. Having been lucky enough to know both Chuck and Gene, I'll miss them both.*

Ed Pettit - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ We have had the very *BEST* of times and the worst of times, and I dont regret one single moment of either. You made our dreams a reality and for that I thank you. There will always be a smile on my face and a song in my heart till the end of time. I love you Gene.

Leilani Wathen - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ gene i love you so much and im so glad we got to spend these past few years together again...lani nana you and i had some really great times. i will always carry those memories and i love you with all my heart.

jaime raubach - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Gene was a wonderful man-so funny and true. I'll always remember him fondly.

Carrie Rulon - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Gene's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ As the Obituary stated, Gene was a very outgoing and friendly person, always smiling and ready to visit with anyone. I hung out some with Gene in our High School years and consider him a good friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. God Bless.
Jim Schwartz

Jim Schwartz - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Gene was a friend of mine from Lincoln JR. High. He was so kind to me!! I will keep him in my memory!!!

Garry Johnson - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Gene was my graduation marching partner at Poudre High in '67. Since we were in the "W's" last name there weren't enough girls to march with boy/girl. I remember he was so excited to graduate, he almost tripped up the stairs. I can't say where he had been the morning of graduation rehearsal, but some might remember. We went our ways after that, but whenever I ran into him, he always had an upbeat thought. RIP My thoughts to his family.

Denny Whitehead - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Gene Wathen-Great guy, always a good friend with a good story. My pleasure to have known him! Neal

Rick Jesser - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Gene was a friend and was liked by all during the school years, the 60's, I remember fondly. He was full of mischeif, had a gigantic smile and a bright twinkle in his eyes. He was so fun to be around. So sorry to hear of your loss. God bless you all.

Carol Cameron - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Our deepest sympathy and appreciation for being able to share some fun times with you.

Lucas and Paulette Montano - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Heres to you Fast Eddy it seems like it was just yesterday that we worked together at the dust bowl. God Bless you for the time you spent in the Nam and for being my FRIEND !!

Jeff T. Allbrandt - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Steve...

We are so sorry to hear of you brother's passing. I did not know him, but he sounds like a wonderful man. Please know that we are thinking of you. Bless you.

Sam and Kathy Solt

Sam and Kathy Solt - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Gene & Lani were good friends. Gene always had a smiling face & a good laugh. We will miss him. Our love & thoughts go out to Lani & the family.

The Baders

Dave & Linda Bader - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Gene was a great person and will be greatly missed

Doug Hitchens - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *I'm sorry to lose a another Brother, Lani, My heart felt condolences, I know Gene will always be with us in spirit, he was a great guy.*
Danny

Danny Gomez - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Gene and I go back many years,I would see him from time to time and always enjoyed our time together. I regret we never got together to fly fish as we planned. Gene always took the time to visit and gave you his full attention. I loved his stories and the good times we had in the 60's and 70's. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.God Bless.*

jerry & nancine marsh - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM