



Norman "Gene" Owens

December 13, 1939 - July 31, 2021

Norman (Gene) Eugene Owens, 81, passed away July 31, 2021. He was born December 13, 1939 in Oakland, California to the late Norman and Veda (Walker) Owens.

Norman retired serving our country as a Master Sergeant in the US Army. He came to the Sarasota/Bradenton area in the early 2000's from Oklahoma. He was a member of the Tabernacle Church and Masonic Lodge.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 53 years, Barbara; children, Lorri Jumper and her husband Matt; Steve Owens; and Kimberly Hartzell and her partner CB; sister, Janice Breinig and her husband Bob; grandchildren, Jaimi, Kylie, Taylor, Terry, Josephine, Siena and Alyssa; and great grandchildren, Todd, Halie, Abigail, Brayten and Teigan.

In addition to his parents, Norman was predeceased by his son Todd Owens; and brother Duane Owens.

Gene loved his family and friends with all his heart and will be missed by them all. He lived in Nebraska, Massachusetts, California, Montana, Oklahoma, and Florida. He worked as a mechanic (owning his own gas station in the 1970's), car and steel building salesman, served in the Air Force and in the Army (serving during the Vietnam War and Desert Storm), started and ran an ostrich

business, managed a hotel, and worked as an electrician. He was the first person to offer advice and lend a helping hand whenever it was needed. He was strict and had high expectations, but had a gentle heart. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and was always up for exploring new places. He loved tinkering in the garage, working on lawn mowers and small engines, and later learned woodworking.

Memorial contributions may be made in Norman's honor to The Tabernacle Church, 4141 Desoto Road, Sarasota, Florida 34235. Memories and condolences may be left online at www.MFHcares.com.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Previous Events

Graveside Service with Military Honors

AUG 13. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Hello guys, this is Chuck LeFlore, I'm sorry to hear about Gene passing. He was more than a good friend; he treated me like one of his sons. He will be truly missed. If there's anything that I can do please let me know.

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