



Eston Gene Curtis

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Eston Gene Curtis Sr., age 81, formerly of Jerome, passed away Monday, January 16, 2023, at Wayne County Hospital in Corydon, Iowa.

Gene was born on March 3, 1941 in Promise City, Iowa, the son of Eston D. and Ethel Leola (Poe) Curtis. He was the father of Gene Jr., Daniel, Terry, Chad, Debbie Sue, Ann and Amy.

He is survived by brothers, Lloyd Curtis, Timothy Curtis and sisters, Joan Galbreath, Thelma Curtis, and Elaine Recoy. He had many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A special thank you to Sylvia Conn for being Dad's angel and standing by him.

"Dear Dad, I think this has been the hardest thing I've ever had to write. Even now, tears roll relentlessly upon these words and words seem impossible to express the feelings of anger, incredible sadness, and relief. The anger is from our pride, robbing us from the limited time in this world. The sadness is the hole I feel knowing that we can never make up this time apart. The relief is knowing that you will never have to feel pain or loneliness again because I know that you experienced this.

We may have been prideful children but you were our protector, our hero when we were little and I think my siblings would agree with me but we have some good memories of you when we were young. Time split us apart as we got older. When we were lost and needed to come home, you brought us home. When we were sick, you hugged us. When you were sad and afraid, you cried. It taught us compassion.

You passed your stubbornness onto us but you made us into survivors. We didn't back down. We stood against the strong winds of adversity and survived. We may have been a bit beaten up but never beaten down. When I think of you happy, you are playing your guitar or holding your grandchildren. Trying to catch our toes with your pliers or putting me on your shoulders and walking down the train tracks while the sun was setting.



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I remember putting on your work boots and thinking that I'll never be big enough to fit these shoes. We grew up, Dad. We all filled our shoes according to the size we had to be for our families. I know our experiences are all different but I hope that we all know that you loved us. It may not have been perfect but it was human. And sometimes it's the imperfect things that make life perfect."

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Robert Eston Curtis, David Ray Curtis, sisters, Virginia Leola Corbett and Arlene Nichols- Easton.

Since Gene wanted to be cremated, family services will be determined at a later date. Memorials may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Curtis Family, 501 North 18th Street Centerville, IA 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.thomasfh.com.



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DE

Deseree posted:

This hurts only know him for a short time but how I figured it out was that I worked at the care center was getting him in bed and he was talking about his son gene and I stopped dead in my tracks and said you have a son named chad don't you he said ya why? I said that you are my grandpa that's my dad and he started crying and I cried and I showed him pictures of my daughter and every night I would go see him and talk for a little bit and give him a big hug he would of course cry happy tears everytime ! May you rest in peace grandpa Curtis just know it was amazing getting to finally meet you! Love always your granddaughter deseree

January 29 at 7:00 PM

MP

Marcella Peak posted:

Prayers to the family 🙏🙏🙏🙏

January 21 at 7:00 PM

JW

Janie Wood posted:

Thoughts and 🙏's for Gene and Danny and the family

January 21 at 7:00 PM

KD

Kathy Davenport posted:

Prayers for the family.

January 21 at 7:00 PM

MM

Marlene Mogle posted:

Our thoughts and prayers. Bryant and I enjoyed watching them dance at Woodburn. Was nice knowing Sylvia, Joanne and Ron. Have missed you all.

January 20 at 7:00 PM

NC

Nick Cattell posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the family. We enjoyed going to dances over the years with Gene and Sylvia. He will be greatly missed.

January 20 at 7:00 PM



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JW

Jean Wheeldon posted:

We enjoyed Gene and Sylvia coming to our Dances. They danced to every song we played. Our Condolences to the family. God bless you, Sylvia for being there for him. Joanne and Ron bless you both. Jean and Larry... forever friends.

January 20 at 7:00 PM

DD

Debby Randolph Downs posted:

We enjoyed watching him and Sylvia dancing at the junction in their matching shirts!!!

January 19 at 7:00 PM

ST

Sara Tait lit a candle in honor of Eston.



January 19 at 7:00 PM

RC

Rhonda Curl lit a candle in honor of Eston.

I had no idea Uncle Gene loved music so much! He and Sylvia went to dances all the time and danced almost all the songs being played. He was so energetic and when I dance with him, I had a hard time keeping up! One of my favorite stories was hearing of him and one of Grandma's homemade biscuits. Some day may we meet up in heaven and dance again Uncle Gene. God bless all the family and cherish those memories.



January 19 at 7:00 PM

KV

Karen Vestal posted:

Prayers for family and friends.

January 18 at 7:00 PM

BK

Bridgett Snow Kent posted:

I miss seeing him and as he will be missed by many. How he would always greet anyone at the front with a smile and a wave! Fly high sweet angel. We won't forget you! Prayers to the family!

January 18 at 7:00 PM



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MS

Mary Smith posted:

Condolences to the family

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DB

Danny Bankes posted:

So sorry for your loss

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CK

Carolyn Kruzich posted:

What a beautiful eulogy From your child my heart goes out to all of them

January 18 at 7:00 PM

WD

Willa Dobbs posted:

Sorry for your loss

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CK

Chrissy Kitchen posted:

He was a great man.

January 18 at 7:00 PM

SB

Shirley Bentley posted:

I'm so sorry Sylvia Conn!! Prayers for all!!

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BB

Brenda Birkland posted:

I'm glad to have known Gene. He was kind and patient. I will miss him.

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PD

Patricia Devore posted:

Prayers to his family

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DD

Deb Drew posted:

Prayers go out to the family

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TJ

Tamala Jellison posted:

Gene was a very nice guy will miss him!

January 18 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eston by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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