IN MEMORIUM

EUGENE “GENE” KAY GALLOWAY
1934 - 2015


Eugene (Gene) was born Aug. 27, 1934, in Wheatland to Edith D. and Franklin D. Galloway. They lived north of Torrington on a farm homesteaded by Gene’s grandfather in 1911.

The family moved to other Goshen County farms during WWII and Gene attended rural schools and Lingle Elementary. In 1950, they moved to the UM Ranch in Johnson County, then managed by Greely Hughes. His father subsequently bought the Bison Taxi Service in Buffalo.

Gene served three years in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps and was discharged in 1955. He received a bachelor’s of arts degree in anthropology from the University of Wyoming in 1962. By that time, he had an unusually extensive background in archaeological fieldwork with the University of Wyoming, Smithsonian Institution and Wyoming Archaeological Society. He authored or co-authored a number of published student-level reports on small Wyoming archaeological sites, discovered the 9,600-year-old Sisters Hill archaeological site near Buffalo and initially brought the 11,000-year-old Colby Mammoth Site, near Worland, to professional attention.

In 1966, Gene married Bonny Shambaugh in Buffalo, and they moved to Fort Laramie where he worked as a seasonal ranger historian until the end of the year. He then worked as curator of anthropology at the Wyoming State Museum in Cheyenne for three years.

By 1970, Gene was becoming more interested in the management of museums, historic sites and parks than in digging holes. In 1971, he completed requirements for a master’s degree in outdoor recreation and parks administration at the University of Wyoming. He then accepted a mid-level position offered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. After two years at Albuquerque, New Mexico, he was promoted to a review level position at the Missouri River Division in Omaha, Nebraska. He retired from there after one more promotion and credit for 27 years of federal service.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Edith Galloway; and one sister, Winifred Galloway.

He is survived by daughters, Lisa (Rocky) Marquiss of Gillette, and Helen Hoffman of Lincoln, Nebraska; son, William Galloway of Atlantic, Iowa; five grandchildren, David, Joel and Isaiah Marquiss, and Nolan and Gavin Hoffman; and two great-grandchildren, Roslyn and Teagan Marquiss.

It was Gene’s wish to be cremated with no services. Donations in his memory may be made to The Museum of the Fur Trade, 6321 Highway 20, Chadron, NE 69337.