



Eugene "Gene" Cleland, age 79, passed away peacefully August 6, 2018 at Courtney Manor, under hospice Care.

Gene was born September 30, 1938 to the late Curtis and Velma Cleland. He married Winnie Edwards on June 21, 1958. She preceded him in death on July 24, 2018.

He graduated from Cass City High School in 1956. Gene worked at the Huron County Road Commission, Bad Axe Grain elevator, Marlette Homes, and Thumb Tool and Engineering.

Gene is survived by his children: William (Deborah) Cleland of Bad Axe, Douglas (Joyce) Cleland of Ubly, Sharon (William) Sturgill of Bad Axe and Karen (David) Friebe of Auburn. Gene was the loving grandfather of Nicole (Robert) Anzell, Candice (Kyle) Parsons, Erin (Kyle) Recker, Michael (Breanna) Cleland, Sarah Cleland, David (Sarah) Sturgill, Megan, Matthew, Alexander and Benjamin Friebe. He was also blessed to be Great-Grandpa to Alexander, Elizabeth, Emily, Isabelle, Victor, Vivienne, Addison, Jack, Adrienne, Avery, Adalynn, Brooklyn, Ella, Grant and Jacob. Gene is also survived by siblings: Judy (Jim) Doerr of Ubly and Jerry (Theo) Cleland of Cass City and in-laws Janette Minnick (Bay City), Elizabeth Sabaugh (Tomball, TX), William Edwards (Benton Harbor) and Gene (Jan) Edwards (San Diego, CA) and several nieces and nephews. His greatest joy came from spending time with his family and friends, especially morning coffee with his buddies Jim and Chuck McKnight.

Our family would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Elaine and Christina of Compassus Hospice, Cass City. Thank you for making this very heartbreaking journey a more tolerable experience.

Visitation will take place 2 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at the MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe and at the church on Friday, August 10, 2018 from 10 a.m. until time of service.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. on Friday, August 10, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church in Bad Axe with Rev. Philip Tousley officiating. Burial will follow at Colfax Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered to the Bad Axe First United Methodist Church (to go towards the new roof fund).

