



## Ralph Eugene Sprague

December 15, 1927 - December 24, 2011

Ralph Eugene (Gene) Sprague, 84, of Brookfield, passed away Saturday December 24, 2011 in Columbia.

Gene was a life long Brookfield resident and a Linn County business icon. He was a United States Navy and Korean War Veteran. Gene owned and operated Spragues Locker and Slaughtering Service and had been in business nearly 60 years.

Born December 15, 1927 to Ralph and Christina Cheek Sprague he attended school in Brookfield and was a proud Bulldog lineman. In February 1948 he married Nancy King and together they had three children; Patti Fagan and husband David, Marceline. Dennis Sprague and wife Lynda, Brookfield. Susan Mosier and husband Dale, Marceline. Gene was blessed with eight grandsons; Jonathan, Lucas and Marc Fagan. Nicholas and wife Jana and Kyle Sprague. Ben, Brad, and Brian Mosier. Gene often said he lived a second childhood through the adventures of the eight grandsons. They would often swap stories from football and coon hunting to water skiing and breaking horses. Gene also had a great-granddaughter, Brooklyn Smith.

Also surviving is a brother, Lawrence and wife Hurla Sprague; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Rosalee King, Dick and Joan King, Jim and Sherry King, and G. L. and Nola King.

Gene had been a long time member of the Brookfield Elk's and Eagle's and a current member of the VFW.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Wednesday December 28, 2011 at the Park Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Brookfield, with Reverend Joe Smith and Reverend David Blakely officiating. Burial will be in Parklawn Cemetery, Brookfield. Visitation will begin at 1:00 pm Tuesday December 27, 2011 at the Park Baptist Church Fellowship Hall with family receiving friends from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Memorial donations have been suggested to the local Petska Cancer Fund and or VFW Post 4557 and may be left at or sent to Rhodes Funeral Home, 216 Linn Street, Brookfield, Missouri 64628.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Gene was a wonderful man, we really enjoyed talking to him. We are going to miss him very much, as we know you are too. We want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers in this time of sorrow. Take care.

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**Julie Meek** - June 08, 2018 at 11:19 AM

HL

“ We were sorry to learn of your loss. Gene was a special person and always had time to talk to everyone. We will miss him in Brookfield.

*Harold Loyd*

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**Harold Loyd** - June 08, 2018 at 11:19 AM

WO

“ We were heartbroken to hear of Gene's death. What a wonderful person. Not being from here and only here for 9 years, we were lucky to meet Dennis and Gene within the first few weeks at their business. Of course we have ordered meat packages from them ever since and Gene always kept us in mind and called when he thought we would be needing another. A lovely family. So friendly and welcoming. I will miss his calls.

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**Wendy and Gary O'Toole** - June 08, 2018 at 11:19 AM

JP

“ So sorry to hear about Gene. We shared so many memories from the St. Catharine store days.

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**Joann Hines Papke** - June 08, 2018 at 11:19 AM

CF

“ Sorry couldn't make it to the visitation.

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**Chad and Jackie Skinner and Family** - June 08, 2018 at 11:19 AM

DP

“ I'm grateful God gave me the opportunity to spend time with Gene. We'd have lunch on a regular basis with others at one of our favorite hang outs. Gene was full of wisdom, laughter and so much more. Just a few weeks ago he was teasing me about being on the radio. He said, "I enjoy listening to you on the radio and you do a good job but the best part is I can turn you off anytime I want!" Of course, everyone just roared and I'm still hearing about it! Gene was a good man and I know I'm not alone when I say we're sure going to miss him! Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Rest in peace Gene.

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**Dale Palmer** - June 08, 2018 at 11:19 AM

JT

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Gene was a giant of a man, a good friend, one of a kind, he will be missed, but, never forgotten. Our prayers are with all the family.

*Jim & Carolyn Teter*

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**Jim & Carolyn Teter** - June 08, 2018 at 11:19 AM

DB

“ Our hearts are heavy with sorrow on this day, remember all the love  
RIP Gene

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**debra Bragg** - June 08, 2018 at 11:19 AM

DC

“ So sorry to hear of Gene's passing. He will be missed by all, he was a good man and loved his family. God has given him his reward and blessed his family.

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**David Cassity** - June 08, 2018 at 11:19 AM

JB

“ I was so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. I know it was one of a kind and will be greatly missed!! He always had a smile and a sucker for the kids. :-)  
God has indeed called a great ANGEL home. Our thought and prayers with the family.

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**Jason & Heidi Beeler & boys** - June 08, 2018 at 11:19 AM

DM

“ To Dennis, Patty, and the whole Sprague family, you have our deepest sympathies. Gene {Dad} was a very wonderful special man. I can remember going in the store when we were little and get candy while mom and dad got meat. Gene would always sneak us some extra and tell us not to tell :) Growing up with you all is like losing a family member. He will definately be missed for a very long time. God Bless you all!

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**Debbie & Lydia Moore** - June 08, 2018 at 11:19 AM

RJ

“ Condolences to the family of Gene Sprague...as a young boy, I visited your store both in St. Catharine and Brookfield. Fond memories of small-town grocery store that was the epitome of "service"

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**Rex Jackson** - June 08, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ *Patti, Dennis, & Susan,*  
*I'am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. Gene was a very special person to many people always had a smile for everyone. You've heard it said many times I'am sure about ANGELS among us.... Your DAD was one of them I'm sure. You and your family's are in my thoughts & prayers... Gene was 1 of a kind never to be replaced...*  
*Glenda Horton*

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December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM