



Gailord "Gene" Eugene Stiles Jr.

July 23, 1934 - March 9, 2018

Gailord Eugene "Gene" Stiles, Jr. passed away on Friday, March 9, 2018 at The Waters of Lebanon.

Gene was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 23, 1934 to the late Gailord E. Stiles, Sr. and Jessie Marie (Laughlin) Stiles. He studied agronomy courses at Purdue University for qualification as Superintendent at Golf Courses. He first married Marilyn Harrison in 1951, they later divorced and then he married Joanna Sue "Jo" Fletcher on April 13, 1978.

Gene started in golf as a caddie at the age of nine at the Broadmoor Country Club in Indianapolis. He turned pro at the age of sixteen and was the PGA Apprentice working at Broadmoor County Club, Woodstock Country Club and Tippecanoe Lake Country Club.

He became the head pro at Beeson Park Golf Club in Winchester, Indiana and was the youngest pro in the state at the time, serving there eight years. He returned to Indianapolis in 1961 and was very involved with A.J. Thatcher Golf Club where he completed construction of the course for the city of Indianapolis. In 1967 he was appointed Head Pro at the Northeast Way Golf Club, which is now Sahm Golf Course in Castleton.

Gene moved to Lebanon in the fall of 1969 when he purchased the 9-hole

Golf Club from George Cox. He later designed and built the new Cool Lake Golf Club in 1986 and continued to operate the club until 1996. Gene was an active member of the Thorntown Lions Club, where he was a past president and instrumental in the formation of the Turning Leaves Car Show in Thorntown.

He will be remembered as a man who loved golf. Gene was a well-respected member of the PGA and known for his dedication and many years of hard work. He and his wife enjoyed their retirement years traveling to Tennessee and Florida.

Survivors include:

Wife:

Joanna Sue "Jo" Fletcher-Thorntown, Indiana

Sons:

Michael E. (Sharon) Stiles-Noblesville, Indiana

Brian N. Stiles and companion, Rudy— West Hollywood, California

Daughters:

Christa G. (Jeff) Allen- Lebanon, Indiana

Kelley M. (Rick) Wright- Lebanon, Indiana

Sisters:

Shirley Lane-McBride (Gary) - Laguna Vista, Texas

Doris Marie Eikanger- Silver City, New Mexico

Brother:

Dave (Doris) Stiles-Fishers, Indiana

Four Grandchildren:

Matthew (Dana) Allen- Noblesville, Indiana

Marisa Allen- Indianapolis, Indiana

Chase Wright-Lebanon, Indiana

Cade Wright-Lebanon, Indiana

Two Great Grandchildren:

Jackson Allen and Evie Allen both of Noblesville.

In addition to his parents, Gene was preceded in death by three brothers, Richard N. "Dick" Stiles, Donald D. Stiles and Robert L. "Bob" Stiles.

Funeral Services are planned for 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street in Lebanon, Indiana with Pastor Scott Ailes officiating. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home in Lebanon. Interment will follow services at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

700 West 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary
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Tribute Wall



“ *Gailord "Gene" Eugene Stiles Jr.*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Gailord "Gene" Eugene Stiles Jr..*



March 14, 2018 at 05:06 PM



“ *JENIFER & FAMILY purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of Gailord "Gene" Eugene Stiles Jr..*



JENIFER & FAMILY - March 14, 2018 at 01:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gailord "Gene" Eugene Stiles Jr..*



March 14, 2018 at 01:27 PM

CH

“ I didn't play golf until later in life, but I sure cherish my summer memories spending the day at Cool Lake. Several years ago, Gene gave Joe a picture he took of Beth & I from back in the days. Such fun we had!

Cherish your memories. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

*Love you,
Cindy Blubaugh Highland*

CINDY HIGHLAND - March 14, 2018 at 12:25 PM

TP

“ The Trevor Project purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gailord "Gene" Eugene Stiles Jr..



The Trevor Project - March 13, 2018 at 05:10 PM

JF

“ Judy Fox (Hughes) and Family purchased the Thoughts & Prayers for the family of Gailord "Gene" Eugene Stiles Jr..



Judy Fox (Hughes) and Family - March 13, 2018 at 03:09 PM

JH

“ Precious memories of walking to Cool Lake working for Gene, I simply loved this job, he was my first boss and super friend!! always felt like family and spent many evenings sitting outside with Mike after closing time cranking up the jukebox just enjoying life! May you rest in peace my dear friend, I will always cherish the memories!



Judy Hughes - March 13, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gailord "Gene" Eugene Stiles Jr..



March 12, 2018 at 11:01 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gailord "Gene" Eugene Stiles Jr..



March 09, 2018 at 11:57 PM

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Don Whitesell - March 09, 2018 at 08:42 PM



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Kelley Stiles-Wright - March 09, 2018 at 07:10 PM



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Kelley Stiles-Wright - March 09, 2018 at 07:07 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May he play golf now with the Angels. My condolences.*



Angela Shelley - March 09, 2018 at 06:58 PM



“ *Gene was a great golf instructor he definitely helped my game and was instrumental in my joining the choose up. My condolences to his family .*

shirley quick - March 09, 2018 at 06:16 PM

DW

“ *Simply too many great memories to share. What a great mentor and friend.*

I was one of “Gene’s Orphans”, boys who practically lived and worked on the golf course at Northeastway while Gene was there. Some of the best years of my life.

Don Whitesell - March 09, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gailord “Gene” Eugene Stiles Jr..*



March 09, 2018 at 04:29 PM