



## Archil Cyr

October 12, 1929 - September 27, 2020

On Sunday, September 27, 2020, Archil Eugene “Gene” Cyr, loving husband and father to eight children, passed away at the age of 90, in Henryetta, OK, after recovering from complications from a fall.

Gene was born October 12, 1929, in Morton County, KS, near the community of Elkhart, to Archil Frank and Lillie (Paronto) Cyr. He farmed his parent’s homestead and other land around the Wilbur-ton area. On November 3, 1948, he married Anna Ruth Elliott. They raised two sons Doug and David, three daughters Virginia, Candance, and Anita. Divorced, Gene married Joyce (Runkle) Vandervort on Jan. 20, 1964, and helped raise her two sons Rodney Bruce and Randy and her daughter Charla.

Gene graduated from Elkhart High School in 1948, and had a passion for farming, natural healing, the joys of flying, and a love of open spaces along with his AA work. His sharp wit, coupled with his welcoming smile and the twinkle in his eyes, started many friendships over the years.

Gene worked with many national organizations. He joined the American Agricultural Movement in the 1970s and participated in the Washington D.C. tractor rally. He traveled across the United States and overseas representing the Jaycees. His dearest organization was Alcoholics Anonymous, where he was a trusted counselor for more than 40 years.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents Archil and Lillie Cyr, brother Ralph Cyr, sister Louise E. Odell, wives Anna and Joyce, and children Virginia, Candance, Bruce, and David. He is survived by his children Doug

and wife Christine Cyr, daughter-in-law Janice Loveland Cyr, Anita Cyr Ankerholz & Charlie Walters, daughter-in-law Pat Vandervort Ellis, Randy Vandervort, and Charla Vandervort Collinsworth and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great great-grandchildren, niece Mary Lou Bavousett, great nephew Rex Bavousett and wife Jan, and great nieces Tina Steffens, Lisa Brad-ford.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date. Gene will be cremated and his ashes will be buried in Elkhart Cemetery beside his wife Joyce, he will also have some ashes spread at his spiritual place of Ojo Caliente, NM.

Donations may be sent to any local AA Chapter.

# Tribute Wall

GM

“ Dear Cousin: I am So Very Sorry of the Passing of Your Daddy whom I also Loved Very Much!! I know he is in Heaven, and I am sure Very Happy!! We all have to go through missing him! He was Always So Very Sweet to Me! I Love You Very Much Cousin Anita!!

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**Grace Robertson Milligan** - October 06, 2020 at 02:51 PM

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“ To Anita and the Cyr family, I'm so sorry about your loss. Gene was a wonderful, kind and loving man. I'm so grateful I was able to get to know him when I moved to Kansas. Gene has helped me so much and continues to help me through his words that still pop up in my head when I need help. I will always remember our afternoon talks. I will never forget the day he told me I was "One Angry Broad" as I was going through some issues which he helped me to take care of them. When I left Kansas, I knew he didn't like goodbyes, so I told him I would see him later. We continued to talk for several years until the time came when it wasn't possible. I'm very grateful to Anita in being to say I'll see you later and tell Gene I love him before he passed. Until then...

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**Ronnie Beery** - October 03, 2020 at 03:11 PM