



Celebration of Life
Saturday, August 6, 2022
2:00 pm
Chapel of Hemauer
Funeral Home
The Pas, Manitoba

In lieu of flowers, donations to
The Pas Rotary Club,
Box 833, The Pas, Manitoba,
R9A 1K8,
would be appreciated
by Gene's family.



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In Loving Memory



In Loving Memory of
Eugene Joseph Germain
 May 11, 1943 - August 18, 2020



Gene was born in Flin Flon, Manitoba. He spent his childhood under the big smoke stack at the company apartments and at Beaver Lake in the summer in the log cabin his dad built in 1930. His was a very happy childhood. His father taught him so many mechanical things and his mother taught him how to bake and cook. His days at the lake were filled with carefree fun boating and fishing with childhood friends.

Gene went to public school for his early years, education and then to Sir Maurice Roche Catholic School for his high school years. He told many stories about how he and his friends liked to play tricks on the nuns. (Harmless, he said.)

Gene then learned two trades under the careful instruction of experienced tradesmen with Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company. These two trades, machinist and industrial mechanic, added to his natural mechanical mind. With all his father had taught him there really was nothing Gene could not make or fix. If he needed a part and could not find it, he made it!

Gene worked for the company for a few years and then decided he wanted to be a teacher so he became a millwright instructor at Keewatin Community College in The Pas, Manitoba. (Now known as University College of the North.)

After twenty years teaching at the college, Gene took a lateral transfer and became an apprenticeship counsellor for the Government of Manitoba and supervised all apprenticeships in the north.

Gene enjoyed both jobs immensely because he was helping people build a solid career in a trade. He bent over backwards both teaching and counselling to make sure they all got through. Nothing made him happier than being able to call a student and tell him he had passed the Red Seal Exam.

Helping others was Gene's nature. He was often called up by friends and family to fix things no one else could fix. He was always happy to do it and he seldom failed.

In 1978, Gene met Bev, who had come to The Pas to teach for three months at Margaret Barbour Collegiate. That three months became 42 years! It was 42 years of adventure, travel, satisfying careers, berry picking, boating, house remodeling, gardening and friendship – all things that made for a beautiful life. In 1980 our beautiful Sara was born and our life was complete. She brought so much joy to us both.

Gene was a wonderful cook and baker and there are many memories of lavish dinners with friends and family at our home.

Gene retired at 65 and he and Bev continued to travel to many places in Europe, Nepal and hot spots in the winter including several years in Texas where they bought a winter home. The very best part of Gene's retirement was the birth of his grandson Rio in 2013. Gene adored him and loved showing him how to make and fix things as well as run the old Santa Claus train, his dad had made in the 1940's. Like everything else, Gene lovingly kept it for, "Someday" which did come in 2013.

Gene died suddenly of a massive heart attack at Clearwater Lake, Manitoba, a place he loved. We can be comforted by the fact that Gene truly enjoyed life. He always said, that life was an adventure and he made it that way for all of us. He lived in the moment and he appreciated everything from the tiniest wild flower to the structure of the Eiffel Tower.

Gene was predeceased by his mother Margaret (Bottomly); father Eugene Germain; mother and father-in-law Laura and Ossie Simon; his dear friend Ted Tadda; brothers-in-law Randel Simon, Ken Dalton and many other dear friends.

Gene is survived by his wife Bev; son Tim; daughter Sara; grandson Rio; sister Theresa Dalton; brother and sister-in-law Ron and Debra Hillcoff; sister-in-law Sylvia Prime; dear aunties Elizabeth Mostoway and Stella Prosyshen; and many extended family and friends.

Gene – to me you were like a bright, shining light that shone and shone until it burned itself out. I will love you forever. Bev