

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*  
I shall not want.

He maketh me  
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,  
He restoreth my  
*soul:*

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:*  
*for Thou art with me;*  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over  
Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD *forever.*  
- Psalm 23



In Loving Memory

*Raymond E. (Gene) Houston*



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**Raymond Eugene (Gene) Houston**, the son of Raymond Houston and Velda Bernice (Shelby) was born in Albany, MO on July 4th, 1937. Gene entered into eternal rest on Friday August 16, 2019 in Ozark, MO at the age of 82.

Gene attended school in Albany later moving to Shenandoah IA where he met and married Rozella Hall in 1959. To this union 3 children were born, Teena, Rhonda and Marrell. Gene worked at Lakes Nursery/Mount Arbor for several years before becoming production manager there for 25 years. Gene was also a member of the National Guard from 1955 to 1965 where he attained the rank of Sergeant E5, Company C, 1st Battalion, 168th Infantry. In 1988 he took a job at Douglas-Lomason (Ro-Mech) starting out as a welder for a short while before becoming 2nd shift Production Manager for 15 years before retiring in 2004.

In his spare time Gene loved to be outdoors as much as possible. He so enjoyed caring for and feeding every living creature and critter that graced his yard. He made many hand-made feeders for the birds and butterflies, the squirrels and rabbits and deer and any other critter he could coax up to his feeders, he just took care of them all. In the summer months he loved to go fishing and camping and spending time on the lake with his family. In the winter months he was an avid hunter and often provided plenty of food for his family this way. He also enjoyed making things for his kids and grandkids to enjoy such as playhouses and go carts and teaching them to hunt and fish right alongside him. Gene enjoyed landscaping his yard with beautiful flowers, trees and plants of all kinds and could identify and pronounce most every species that he came across. Gene also had a love for photography and concentrated on nature and landscape photos as well as family photos of vacations and holiday gatherings.

~ Caring for others is what Gene's life was all about ~

Gene was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Rhonda Houston; brothers, J.H., George and Jimmy Houston; sister, Louise Shaw and husband Paul; brother-in-law, Francis Shaw; and niece, Janet Shaw.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 60 years, Rozella Houston; daughter, Teena Houston; son, Marrell Houston and wife Karen; brother, Danny Houston and wife Fran; sister, Patty Shaw; granddaughter, Christie Cash and husband Randy (Mason, Connor, Adeline, Delaney); grandson, Michael Houston and wife Alisa (Kailey, Jax, Emmett); grandson, Kyle Porter and wife Jennifer (Clara); and many other relatives and friends.

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## ***Raymond E. (Gene) Houston***

July 4, 1937 – Aug. 16, 2019

82 years, 1 month, 12 days

### ***Celebration of Life***

1:00 p.m.

Friday, August 30, 2019

Nishna Valley Funeral and Cremation Service

Shenandoah, Iowa

Pastor Jeff Schirle, Officiant

### ***Family Remembrances***

Marrell ~ Christie ~ Michael

### ***Special Music***

“Amazing Grace” “In The Garden” “Simple Man”

“How Great Thou Art”

### ***Private Inurnment***

Rose Hill Cemetery ~ Shenandoah, Iowa

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

Our Father, which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth,

As it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

The power, and the glory,

For ever and ever.

Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13