



Eugene P Kurtz

March 31, 1937 - March 8, 2020

In loving memory of Gene Kurtz, age 82, who passed to be with the Lord on March 8, 2020. Born on March 31, 1937, in Uniontown Ohio. Gene graduated from Jordan High School in Long Beach, CA in 1955, and married his high school sweetheart, Leila Bourne, in 1956. Gene joined the military as a Navy Reservist and served 4 years as a Cryptographer overseas in Hokkaido Japan. He then went into the United States Army where he served in the Lighter Than Air Squadron to navigate blimps on local exercises. After the military, Gene went on to a career with Pacific Bearing in Los Angeles, CA as a Sales Representative, and started his family with Leila. While vacationing in Cheney, WA to visit his brother, Gene and Leila fell in love with the area and decided to pack up the family and move to Cheney. Gene then began a new career in the automotive business, working for Dave's Auto, Ratcliff Ford, and Gary's Chevron. After raising their family, Gene and Leila moved to Williams Lake where he enjoyed socializing with all of the locals, and fishing and boating on his pontoon boat that he nicknamed Mello Yello. Gene had many talents. He spent hours woodworking in his shop at the lake, painting, tying his own flies and teaching himself to play many instruments, especially guitar and piano. Gene was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, and sister. He is survived by his loving wife, Leila, of 64 years. Children, Ron (Stormy) Kurtz, Ken (Yvonne) Kurtz, Sharon (Pete) Brown. Grandchildren, Corde Kurtz, Shawna Kurtz, Tyler Harrington, Monica Lavelle, Mikaela Brandon, Nick Brown, Amanda McCauley, Mike Brown, and 13 great-grandchildren. A

Celebration of Life will be held and announced at a later date.