



Gene R. Overholt

February 18, 1924 - March 31, 2023

Gene Robert Overholt, 99 years young, passed away at his daughter's home in Kerrville, Texas on March 31, 2023. His daughters Jodi Overholt Ring, Barbara Overholt Toth, and Son-in-law Michael Toth were at his side. His other surviving family is daughter Carole Overholt Brooks, and Son-in-law Howard Ring. Grandchildren are Jason Brooks, and Amy Price Brooks, Kristin Brooks, and Scott Schopieray PHD, and Megan Ring Aurora MD and Peter Aurora PHD. Great grandchildren are Aidan, Addison and Avery Brooks, Wesley and Henry Schopieray, and Tommy and Lucy Aurora. He enjoyed his beloved nieces and nephews.

Born in Bippus, Indiana in 1924, and raised in Huntington Indiana, he served in WWII in the European theater and the Battle of the Bulge. He married Jane Johnson Overholt in 1944 before leaving Plymouth to serve his beloved country. He had been married to the love of his life 69 years when Jane passed in 2013.

Gene continued to serve his entire life. He helped develop the Salvation Army in Plymouth in 1962 and continued to serve on the board until his death. Gene was a member of the Plymouth First United Methodist Church and served in many capacities over the many years. He was a Trustee of Plymouth Township during the 1960's and has been inducted in the Plymouth Hall of Fame.

In 1967, the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth was Chartered by Gene and several other men. He began serving locally as well as the world. He began

by serving as president of the local club and moved up to become the Governor of the State of Michigan for Kiwanis. He proceeded to go through the chairs to become President of Kiwanis International in 1988-1989. He visited the Oval Office twice and met three of our country's presidents. Gene and Jane traveled to 40 different countries visiting heads of state and Kiwanis Clubs all over the world.

Memorial Visitation Thursday, June 29th 5-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth.

The family will gather with friends on Friday, June 30th from 9:30 AM until the Friday 11 AM Memorial Service at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements entrusted to Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
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Gathering of Family and Friends

JUN **30**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Plymouth First United Methodist Church
45201 N. Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Memorial Service

JUN **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gene R. Overholt*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Denise & Carl Salmonson purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Gene R. Overholt.*



Denise & Carl Salmonson - June 26, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gene R. Overholt.*



May 24, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ *Sending love and hugs to you, Barb and Michael. Your dad made such a huge impact in people's lives. He will be missed by many.*

Adrian Johanssen - April 25, 2023 at 07:43 PM

MA

“ I always loved it when Gene would come out to our Plymouth Community Band concerts in the park. He would share memories of songs (especially 40's big band arrangements). Even some that had special meaning for him and Jane. It was really great to connect over music on a nice sunny day in the park. He will be missed.

Marion - April 21, 2023 at 03:39 PM

MP

“ Gene was my first supervisor at Michigan Bell and over the years he and Jane became very dear friends to me. They were both delightful, caring people and are sorely missed. Mary Pritchard

Mary Pritchard - April 21, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ I have wonderful memories of Gene from The Salvation Army in Plymouth. What a blessing he was to The Plymouth Community

Laurie Aren - April 05, 2023 at 06:17 PM

JT

Gene was my second father and the Overholt's were my second family. He and Jane were wonderful role models as loving parents and servants of God by helping others. My favorite memories are of Gene with his fishing pole in Florida and off Barb and Michael's dock at Rush Lake. He will be missed by many. I love that smile!

Jill A Tobin - April 14, 2023 at 10:43 PM

MS

I first met Gene and Jodi about 10 years ago when Gene agreed to be a guest speaker in my Military History class at Salem High School. The kids LOVED hearing Gene's story of his life and his time as a soldier during WWII. In fact, each semester many of my students would stay well after the hour was over to continue to ask questions and hear more stories! It was an absolute honor to have met and become friends with Gene. I will forever cherish my time and conversations with him. Rest In Peace.

Michael Seneker - April 23, 2023 at 08:28 PM

BP

Gene Overholt and his wife Jane were good friends of my dad and mom (Betty and Bill Peters) thru Huntington high school and beyond. I remember making many trips to Michigan and they came to visit us in Fort Wayne. There are many pictures and movie videos of all of us kids running around.

Gene and Jane were great parents to Carol, Barb, Jodi and we all had great visits. Am certain they probably spoiled their grandkids to best a grandparent could.

Gene was one of smartest, kindest, thoughtful, person I can recall. A best dad and granddad ever for sure.

What a guy. I knew he did a lot and was very involved in many things and people. Glad obit covered so much.

He was one of the greatest in the greatest generation.

Plus, just a great guy. Dad and Mom thought the world of Gene and Jane.

To Carol, Barb, Jodi tell 'em I said hi.

And know their dad was one of the good guys, easy goin a good smile/laugh and one of best persons I ever knew.

Bill Peters

Bill Peters - June 21, 2023 at 08:16 AM