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Marvin Eugene "Gene" Lawson, age 73, of Locust Grove, VA, passed away Friday, January 27,

2023, at Mary Washington Hospital. He was born in Richlands, VA, on August 19, 1949, to the

late James and Margaret E. Lawson.

Gene is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Paula Lawson. They met in 1968, at the

Alexander Skating Rink, and were married on December 18, 1968. In their 54 years of marriage,

Gene and Paula enjoyed attending car shows and races, building Antique Cars, and traveling in their motorhome.

Gene leaves behind two children, Barbara Lawson Bischoff and Norvel Eugene Lawson

(Michele); grandchildren, Tammy Smith, Dorthy Bischoff "Doodlebug" (Tyler), Richard Bischoff

Jr. "Ned" (Sierra), Mollie Lawson (Jonathan), Cody Bischoff "codemiester" (Brittani), Tyler

Lawson, Paul Lawson "Yubba", and Skylar Lawson; great-grandchildren, Peyton, Bailey, Tyler

Jr. "TJ," Violet, Serenity, Tyler IV, Layla, Tyler V, Andres "Breadman", Laurence, and Richard Jr.

"Ned Junior;" as well as dear family friends Mager Sullivan, Stephanie Powers, Devin Mantegna,

Nick Romans, Brooke Murray, and many trucking and family friends. He joins this grandson,



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Hunter Lawson, great-grandchildren, Tyler III, and two angel babies, in heaven. Gene was a truck driver for over 50 years, with the handle "Double D," hauling mail from Virginia to Washington, DC, until retiring in 2015. He was a "jack of all trades," with great knowledge in mechanics, carpentry, and plumbing. He had a true passion for building Antique Cars, with his '66 Pontiac GTO is his most recent project, and that of which he passes to his grandsons. His children remember the many lessons he taught them, Sunday drives through the mountains, fishing, the immense love he had for them, and his ability to make light of any situation, no matter if good or bad. Gene enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, teaching them valuable lessons in hard work, mechanics, and various trades. His grandchildren remember their many memories with "Pawpaw" in the motorhome, at Lake Anna, working on vehicles and various handiwork around the house. He never missed a moment in the garage or driveway, helping "the boys" with their race cars, and watching them run passes up and down the street, always being sure to remind them to "Be Careful." He always watched with a wide grin. At times, Gene was much more than a "Pawpaw" to his grandchildren, often stepping up as the father figure in most of their lives. They will cherish the memories made with him, his endless love, and most of all his constant perseverance through any obstacle put in his way.



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Gene was a jokester with a sense of humor like no other, who truly showed his kindness and love to everyone he came into contact with. He always wanted to lend a helping hand, to those he could, and was always the person to call, with any question you had. Gene will be remembered as a hardworking provider, who loved and cherished his loving wife of 54 years, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many dear loved ones. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Foundation. A private service will be held for family and close friends.



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Paul Lawson posted:

well its been long enough but all I'm gonna say is that since 2015 I took care of my paw paw and he thought me everything I know he taught me how to work on cars trucks do plumbing how to do construction work and how to do many of other things. i was his right hand man as he said. me and my maw maw and mom took care of him since 2015 when he got into a 18 wheeler accident..... and in 2020 he lost his left leg. and in 2021 he lost his right leg but it didn't matter my paw paw fought through it all. he never let anything get him down. he was the strongest man i knew... and also one of the major things he taught me how to do was how to take care of a woman for 54 years..... but he taught me everything i know he was the best paw paw/dad/best friend anyone could ever have even when he was a double amputee he taught me as much as he could there is so so many memories that we have together from doing so many things from working on cars to working on plumbing to playing cards. my paw paw was the jack of all trades. but most of all he was a father to me a best friend a mentor. there's not enough of words to describe how much of a champion he really was. i love you paw paw I will do my best to take care of maw maw for you old man. i love and miss you more and more every day then you will ever know I miss walking into your bedroom and you sitting there watching maury and steve wilkos and jerry springer. i miss you so much paw paw I love you my old man

March 7 at 8:22 PM



Mollie Lawson posted:

I just wanted to say Thank you pawpaw for the man you were and showing all of us grandkids what a man should look like. I won't ever forget the boat you had and how you taught me one weekend how to sand down the wooden parts so the splinters wouldn't hurt our hands. Thank you for being such a great pawpaw and role model to boogie that little guy needed you and you stepped up to the occasion when you didn't have to but that was who you were. You were an awesome pawpaw, amazing dad and the best husband to our mawmawl. I'm sorry that we had to say good bye so early and wish you could have stayed with us longer but I understand now that you were hurting so much and you didn't want us to worry so you hid it. I am so glad that in the little bit of time that I did get to spend with you it brought so much joy to me. and I know that Johnny was really excited when you taught him how to put the door on in the bathroom. We miss you so much and I know that you're up there having a ball but every now and then just let us know you're ok. Until we meet again pawpaw love you and miss you so much! Mollie ❤️

February 5 at 9:20 AM



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Paula Lawson posted:

well, here I am alone my whole life spent with my night in shining armor. The one man who came into my life and treated me as a queen and gave me 2 wonderful children. The man I grew somewhat old with who I have had many good, bad happy, and sad times. The only man I married for life. We had 54 years together and I wasn't ready to call it quits yet. I know for the last few years your health has taken a toll but not the last journey. We were doing okay as long as we had each other. I have had a few days now to think and cry I said goodbye but I now know you must have been ready and as always didn't want me to worry. So you went out quietly so I couldn't keep you here, or beg you not to go. I know you were tired and pain had a lot to do with it. Not to mention not much to do but sit around. So I have to hold on to what we had and hope it keeps my broken heart from falling completely apart. I am so sorry you had to go through so much and I couldn't help more. I know you are at peace now and one day I will be with you again. I'm going to try my best to carry on and take care of things here. But my heart went with you and my only wish is I will see you again one day and our love will make me whole again. I will always love you.

February 2 at 4:22 PM



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Barbie Bischoff posted:

Dad where do I begin? You were and always will be my hero! Thank you for stepping up to the father, dad, daddy o plate when you could of just turned the other way! I will never forget the good,bad,and ugly! Our late night chats after you scaring the shit out of me and you laughing so hard you had tears in your eyes. Thank you for teaching me the things I would take the time to learn! I will always remember the weekends you would wake Norvel and I and tell us to get dressed. Norvel and I would always ask where are we going and you would do that "dad" smile and say "I don't know" We would take our Sunday drives through the mountains and or you would find that one place in Maryland a little creek and Norvel and I would play in the water while you and mom washed the car. We would stop at the side of the mountain to get that natural spring "coldest" water we would ever have. LOL. But somehow we always ended up at the Mc'Donalds. I will never forget my first paint lesson (a smack in the head with a paintbrush that resulted me being late to my first date with now my x husband) So many memories. How you installed bucket seats in the back of the truck for my best friend Nanc and I (1 of your adopted daughters) to ride around in the back of the truck. How you was about to kick some guys AZZ for scaring your other adopted daughter my best friend Andrea dressed as a clown. I could go on and on. But my last 2 favorite memories was just here recently and had I known your time here was about to end I would of done things so different. But you asked for a Gravy and Biscuit breakfast and I did just that I made you your favorite breakfast and the smile on your face was all I needed! Then the last and final was our last late night chat. Thursday Jan 19th 2:30 AM. We talked for almost 2 hours. You told me to get us a beer and let's talk. My first thought is o shit what did I do,(even at my age) cause we all know most of the time when a parent comes to you and says let's talk something is about to go down. LOL.. That night we talked about everything. I promise to never let your Grandbabies to forget you! And as long as I have a breath they will not. you also told me that you were proud of me and wanted to thank me for putting my life on "hold" to take care of you. Well guess what Daddy O like I have said many times no thanks is needed cause that's why I'm here. You also told me that you were very proud of me. many other things were said. Anyway I know you are in heaven and you are living it up. No more pain and that is all that matters to me. Until we meet again I love you Dad and thank you for being the best DADDY O a girl could ask for! And by the way you better watch out for that smoky bear , Cause you be speeeeeeee Do! I love you dad!

January 29 at 5:00 PM



Mary posted:

All my memories of Gene include Penny. I was one of the adopted family who was included in family gatherings and other get togethers. When chaos was happening, Gene was the quiet in the storm. A quiet spoken man who always included me even when my anxiety wanted me to shrink in the background. I loved to bring over goodies to tempt them. I will see you again Mr Gene. Hugs to the family from Myrtle Beach

January 30 at 4:37 AM



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Norvel Lawson posted:

Dad I will miss you very very much I love you with all my heart and iam very thankful that you taught me all the things you know especially being a man and great father to us all and grandfather and great grandfather I know your in a better place now and your driving in heaven in your new big rig and when it's time for me to be there I hope to be right beside you in the big truck like I use to do when I was younger rip dad love your son norvel

January 29 at 5:59 PM



Paula Lawson February 1 at 6:19 PM

Thanks to all we lost our world and must pick up and carry on. We are going to do our best to Thank all who shared the memories and thoughts.



Norvel Lawson January 30 at 1:26 PM

Thank you very much



Angel Ball January 30 at 2:21 AM

Paula and family,I'm deeply sorry. Sending hugs and my heartfelt condolences to all of you.
Angel Ball



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Lawson family.



January 29 at 5:15 PM



Dorothy posted:

Pawpaw we will never forget all of the fun times we had together or any of the many many things you taught us. We all love you so so much and hope you are resting peacefully up there. It's hard to put things into words which is why this is so short. I love you. Love your doodlebug

January 29 at 5:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marvin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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