



Ralph Eugene Sawatzky

December 7, 1939 - April 11, 2018

Ralph Eugene Sawatzky was born on December 7, 1939 in Enid, Oklahoma to Johnny and Lillian Sawatzky and died on April 11, 2018 in Enid. His Celebration of Life Service will be 2:00PM Friday, April 13, 2018 at Emmanuel Enid with Reverend Wade Burleson officiating. Private family graveside were held prior to the service in Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home.

He attended elementary schools in rural Enid, Kremlin, and North Enid. Ralph had the responsibility of driving the little Ford tractor to school, picking up the teacher and several other students on the way. He attended high school at Corn Bible Academy in Corn, Oklahoma, where he accepted Jesus Christ as his savior in his junior year. He was baptized a short time later and joined the North Enid Mennonite Brethren Church. While at CBA he met LaNetta Wiens, and after dating for two years, they were married in 1958 on a snowy December day in Adams, Oklahoma. They made their first home in Denver, Colorado, where he served his 1W assignment at Denver General Hospital. They then moved to Enid, and Ralph worked at Champlin Refinery, Enid Air, Raleigh Bicycles, Chesterfield Cylinder, Janzen Olds GMC, and Madison Spraying. He was a member of NW Oklahoma Woodturners Association (Enid and Oklahoma City Clubs), Emmanuel Enid, and a former member of Oklahoma Bass Club and Grand National Quail Club.

Ralph was a man of many interests. In his early adulthood, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a handyman who could fix anything and was always busy in his wood shop. A few years ago he began a serious career of woodturning and greatly enjoyed creating beautiful vessels, pens, toys for the great grandkids, and other items that he gave away or donated to charity. He never met a stranger and made friends wherever he went.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, LaNetta; three children and their spouses, Pam and David Harms of Corn, OK, Earl and Tami Sawatzky of Weatherford, OK, Dave and Shelly Sawatzky of Moore, OK; twelve grandchildren, ten great grandchildren; one sister, Kay Toews of Enid.

Memorials may be made through the funeral home to Water 4.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

6405 Memorial Dr
Enid, OK 73701

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **13**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Emmanuel Baptist Church
2505 W. Owen K. Garriott
Enid, OK 73703
(580) 237-0602

Tribute Wall

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Eugene and Karen Voth - April 12, 2018 at 08:12 PM

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“ *In memory of one of my many wonderful first cousins from Gene and Karen Voth: To LaNetta and your family, Karen and I are with you in our prayers and love; through faith in the Hope we have in Jesus, our Savior and the guidance and peace from our Comforter, when we hurt. What a wonderful gift you and we have at this difficult time; knowing and surrounded by loving Christian children and family and friends. The faith of our family that have gone before us are now cheering us on, to finish the race, set before us. It will be worth it all, when we see Jesus and participate in the heavenly reunion.*

Eugene and Karen Voth - April 12, 2018 at 07:28 PM