



Oyler, Eugene 'Gene' J.

1949-2023

By [Messenger Staff](#) | Published on June 14, 2023

Eugene "Gene" J. Oyler, 73, went to be with our Lord on Sunday, June 4, 2023, in Decatur.

Funeral service was Saturday, June 10, 2023, at Rise Church in Decatur.

Family received friends June 9 at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport.

Pallbearers were Josh Oyler, Nathan Oyler, Dylan Surratt, Jake Milligan, Shannon Hesteande, Andy Milligan and Graham Surratt.

Gene was born on June 11, 1949, to Emerson and Helen (Yehl) Oyler in Salamanca, N.Y. He was united in marriage to the love of his life, Diane Kay Smith, on January 12, 1974, in Kalamazoo, Mich. They were together 49 wonderful years. Gene worked as business administrator with Solaris Healthcare for more than 20 years. Gene was a beloved husband, father and grandfather who will be missed by all that knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Stephanie Oyler, and his two

grandchildren.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife, Diane Oyler of Runway Bay, his daughter, Susanna Surratt and husband, Robbie L. Surratt Jr., of Decatur; his daughter, Jessica Milligan and Andy Milligan; his son, Luke Oyler and wife, Virginia, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; his grandchildren, Anna, Allyson and Jake Milligan, Josh, Nathan and Adelynn Oyler, Dylan, Sydney, Collins and Graham Surratt; numerous extended family members and a host of friends.

Hawkins Funeral Home Bridgeport | 940-683-2211 | www.hawkinsfuneralhome.com