



Ardith Eugene Turner

September 22, 1936 - May 14, 2026

Ardith Eugene Turner received his angel wings in the early morning of May 14 2026 in Joplin Mo.

Ardith who went by Gene was born September 22 1936 to WM Turner and Daisy Lawson Turner who was of Thornfield Mo, the 6th of 7 children. His older siblings have all preceded him. His younger sister, Norma Jean Freeman remains at her home in Squires Mo.

Ardith married Bonnie ward in 1955 in California. To this union they had two children. Emma LaDon Turner, Joplin Mo, and Randall Ray Turner, deceased. Gene loved life, and was a chef most of his. He loved cooking and watching others enjoy his meals. He was a lot of fun to cook with, teaching his family new recipes. He also loved the outdoors, going camping and fishing with his daughter and grandchildren, the catfish were never safe when he was around. He loved to garden and was so good at instructing us all how to dig the holes correctly. He played golf in his younger years but as he got older he watched it on television, even getting multiple gaming consoles to play it on. After retiring at a reasonable age he got bored, so then started working at Walmart in Springfield Mo, till he retired again due to declining health. He then moved to Broken Arrow, Ok and lived with his granddaughter and her family until his health was too poor and he moved back to Mo.

Gene had one deceased grandchild, Shannon Ponder, and four still living. Shallan Eaton, James Christensen, Shawna Kleint, and Shaylen Kleint. 12 Grandchildren and many Great Grandchildren. He also had many nieces and

nephews, some of whom have preceded him.

He will greatly be missed here on Earth and even though it's a sadness when we lose someone we love here it brings me great joy to know he is in such a better place with family in heaven. I know he is happy and no more pain.

Just hope he learns how to use those angel wings pretty fast and doesn't crash much...He wasn't the greatest driver.

Arrangements are made with Midland Cremation Society in Joplin, Missouri.