

**Leo Eugene
(Gene) Thielen, 85**

May 3, 1932 - June 11, 2017

DENVER, CO – Leo "Gene" Thielen was born in Defiance, May 3, 1932. He attended Saints Peter and Paul grade school and high school. He enlisted in the Air Force January of 1953 and married Bonnie Heller of Portsmouth October 20 of the same year. He spent four years in military service to his country and eventually moved his family to Denver, CO. His professional life consisted of being a business owner in the service station and auto repair industry.



He was an active volunteer in his church, admired by his community and a long-time member of the Elks Organization and American Legion.

Gene passed away peacefully in his home, June 11, 2017 with his loving wife and daughter by his side.

Gene is preceded in death by his youngest son Donald, his parents, brother and sister. He is survived by his wife Bonnie; son Alan (Susan) of Denver; daughter Peggy of Los Angeles; son David (Shari) of Denver; three grandchildren and one great-grand son.

Services were held in Denver on June 16, 2017 at Mount Olivet Cemetery.