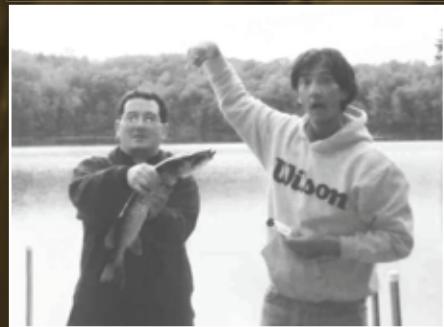


Gene Loomis

August 10, 1955 - February 3, 2011

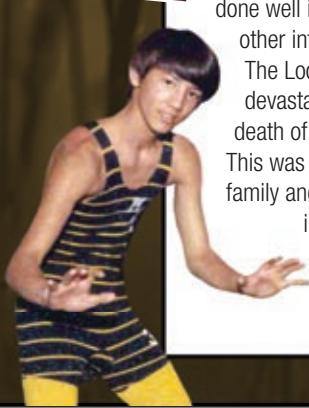
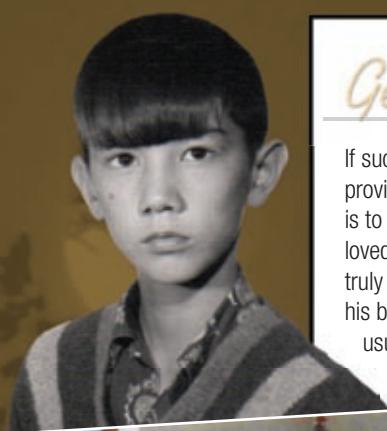


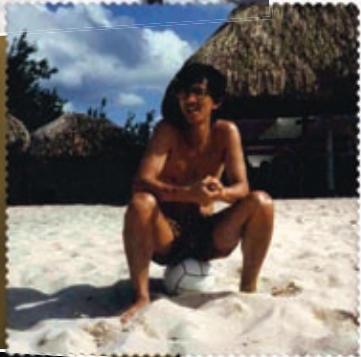
Gene's Life Story

If success were measured in terms of lives touched, then Gene Loomis provides us with much to aspire for. The greatest lesson he leaves us with is to fully embrace each and every day with the people we love. When Gene loved, he did so with all his heart and it was clear to see that he felt he was truly blessed to be married not only to the greatest love of his life, but also to his best friend. Gene was a man of few words but when he did speak, it was usually a good idea to listen since his words were carefully chosen and full of great wisdom. Life will never be the same without Gene here, but his family and friends find comfort in knowing that he has been reunited with his beloved wife.

The decade that became known as the "Nifty Fifties" is full of developments that changed the cultural fabric of our nation forever. Nestled within this vibrant decade was the year 1955 that boasted of countless changes all its own. This was the year that seatbelts were required to be installed in cars and the first McDonald's was erected. As we watched shows like Lassie, Dragnet, and Gunsmoke, TV dinners became available in grocery stores from coast to coast. This was an unforgettable year for one family in Indianapolis, Indiana, since it was on August 10th that they celebrated the birth of their son. Gene was welcomed into the world by his parents, Irvin and Anna (Choe) Loomis, and was the sixth of seven children in his family including his brothers, Warren and Eddie, and sisters, Mija, Sooja, Frances, and Juanita. The Loomis family was a well known bunch in Mooresville, located in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. Gene attended Newby Elementary and went on to Mooresville High school where he was a star athlete. He excelled in wrestling, rising to become fourth in the state in his weight class. Gene graduated as part of the class of 1973.

Although school came naturally for Gene and he certainly would have done well in college, he pursued other interests after high school. The Loomis family was dealt a devastating blow with the sudden death of Gene's father in 1974. This was a difficult loss for the family and one that significantly impacted them for the rest of their lives. They drew closer together, drawing





strength from one another, and the Loomis children also cared for their loving mother through the years. They all saw to it that their mother lived a long and fulfilling life until her death in 2007.

Life was forever changed for Gene when he met the woman with whom he would share the best years of his life. Her name was Jennifer Jill Wonn and after falling hopelessly in love, they exchanged their vows in April of 1987. They were true soul mates who had a genuine partnership in the best sense of the word.

Throughout most of his life, Gene worked in property management at various places including most recently for Pickwick Farms. There was certainly more to life for Gene than work, however, as he was a man of many interests. Those who knew him were well aware of his passion for fishing, fishing, and more fishing. This was a hobby that Gene fell in love with as a young boy. He was never particular about what he was fishing for - whatever happened to be biting that day was just fine with Gene.

Through the years he and his brother, Eddie, spent numerous hours fishing together. Gene was a bit of a math genius who was especially good with technology and could fix just about anything electronic. As his brother Warren can attest, Gene was not bad when it came to fixing cars, either. He loved classic rock from the seventies and followed NASCAR racing, mainly because Jill enjoyed it. Gene was also a die hard Steelers fan.

It was clear by the way he lived his life that Gene enjoyed each and every day. He was known for his off the cuff humor as he almost always had a joke for his family. One of Gene's favorite ongoing jokes was the way he made fun of his sister-in-law Sue's bed head. One year at Eddie and Sue's annual Halloween party, Gene dressed up as a woman, and the memories made that night will never be forgotten.

In everything he did Gene was concise and precise, and his vast intelligence was unmatched. He was always thinking of others and generous almost to a fault, and he was truly genuine in his every thought, word, and deed.

The world seemed to come crashing down for Gene and Jill when she was diagnosed with cancer. Gene was distraught with her death in 2007, and then the death of his mother just a few





months later. The loss of his wife was one that Gene was never really able to overcome.

All who knew Gene Loomis would agree that their lives were greatly enriched for having known him. He brought such joy to others whether it was through his dry and sarcastic sense of humor, his generous nature, or his unconditional love. Gene was a true gift to all those within his reach, his bright light extinguished much too soon. He will be deeply missed.

Gene Loomis of Indianapolis died February 3, 2011. Gene's family includes his brothers, Warren Loomis (Theresa) of Mooresville and Eddie Loomis (Sue) of Mooresville; sisters, Sooja Piontowski (Ray) of Chicago, Illinois, Frances Dattilo (John) of Carmel, Juanita Alumbaugh (Stevie) of Mooresville; a host of nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews; and mother-in-law: Linda Williams of Greenwood. Gene was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Jill Loomis; and his sister, Mija Armstrong. The funeral service to celebrate Gene's life will begin at 10 a.m., Tuesday, February 8, 2011, in the Carlisle & Son Funeral Chapel, Mooresville, with calling there from 4-8 p.m., Monday, February 7, 2011. Cremation will follow the service. Please visit www.lifestorynet.com where you can leave a favorite memory or photo, sign the online guestbook, or make a memorial contribution to Bradford Woods Fishing Camp. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.



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