

Gene Anthony Federico

TWIN FALLS — Gene Anthony Federico, 68, of Twin Falls died Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at his home.

Gene was born May 12, 1939, in San Francisco, Calif., the son of Anthony and Ora Pearl Young Federico. Gene grew up on a farm on the outskirts of Twin Falls, causing trouble and hunting rabbits with all of his neighborhood friends. Following high school, Gene joined the Navy and served his country. He returned to Twin Falls and married the former Sharon Thomas (Drake). They were later divorced after raising their children, Mike and Corky.

Gene was a man of many trades. He was a communications specialist in the Navy, serviced signs throughout Nevada and finally settled in Twin Falls and became the eventual owner of Eureka Construction. He called Twin Falls his home for the next 42 years. In 1982, Gene married his soul mate, Sheila Ochsner, at a mountain setting in Stanley, Idaho. They began their life journey riding their mountain bike into the sunset. Gene enjoyed camping, riding motorcycles and golfing, but most of all, he lived everyday meeting with his friends at Norm's Café, making "the rounds" and greeting the many people of Twin Falls. After the birth of his grandchildren, Gene constantly attended the activities and performances of their lives, always boasting about "his"



kids' abilities to anyone who would listen.

There are a few people in every town that represent what is right in the community. Gene was a Twin Falls icon and will be missed by all. We love you and will miss you, Papa.

Gene is survived by his wife, Sheila of Twin Falls; sons, Mike and Michelle Federico, and Corky and Terri Federico, all of Twin Falls; a sister, Joyce Shawver and spouse, Dick of Buhl; grandchildren, Tysha, Sara, Allison and Bo; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family requests that memorials be made in Gene's name to the American Heart Association, 270 S. Orchard, Suite B., Boise, ID 83705.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 9, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. A viewing for family and friends will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, July 8, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." Burial will follow the funeral at the Twin Falls Cemetery.