



## Eugene "Gene" W. Bellefeuille

July 15, 1929 - January 21, 2024

Eugene "Gene" Bellefeuille, 94 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away Sunday, January 21, 2024 at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, MN. A funeral service will be held on Friday, January 26, 2024 at 12:00 P.M. at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN with Fr. Ben Kociemba officiating. Burial will take place at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service Friday, at the Shelley Funeral Chapel. Military Rites are being provided by Little Falls American Legion Post #46.

Eugene William Bellefeuille was born on July 15, 1929 in Little Falls, MN to the late Eugene, Sr. and Victoria (Valley) Bellefeuille. He attended the Little Falls Schools until the 8th grade. He then continued his education in 1954 at the Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis, obtaining a tool and die maker certification. He then started working at Earl Manufacturing in Minneapolis until 1959. Gene was united in marriage to Joyce Kohl on October 11, 1958 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN. They lived in Minneapolis and he then worked at Dean Casting in Minneapolis until 1975. He was a member of the Army National Guard from 1949 to 1957 and was active duty with the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1952. The couple moved to Eden Prairie in 1972, and he worked at Watkins Pattern Shop in Lakeville, MN until 1978. Gene then went to work for Northwest Airlines as a mechanic, retiring in 2006. Joyce passed away in 2000. Gene bought a townhouse in Little Falls in 2009, and

he resided there until his passing. He also had a lake place on Moose Lake near Burtrum, MN. Gene enjoyed working outside, spending time at the lake place and fishing, barbeque get-togethers, when he would be the main cook. Gene enjoyed woodworking, and made many various furniture items for friends and family. Gene was a member of Little Falls American Legion Post #46.

Gene is survived by his sons, Mark (Mary) Bellefeuille of Little Falls, MN and Dana (special friend Debbie Strandlien) of Alexandria, MN; daughter, Marie (Special friend Bill Smith) Dragert of Grey Eagle, MN; grandchildren, Renee Bellefeuille, Nicholas Beauchene and Andrew Dragert.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene, Sr. and Victoria Bellefeuille; sisters, Ella Hassing, Viola Kastner, and Rita Nelson; and brother, Leo Bellefeuille.

# Cemetery Details

## Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115  
Little Falls, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

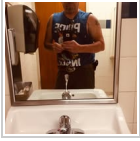
LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Funeral Service

JAN **26**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ me an dad,,, Eugene bellefeuille went fishing an he says on moose lake I am not even dead an the buzzards are circling me,, they were way up in the sky flying around the boat.. I promised to make u into a tree an I put u a tree, nice maple tree in my front yard. I look at it each day,, love u dad,,, dana an Debbie.

Dana Bellefeuille - September 02, 2025 at 08:57 PM

DS

“ I love you and will miss you. May god hold your hand and guide you through good memories. I know we didn't know each other long but I feel in my heart, that you were acceptive for your son Dana. He is a good person!!

Debbie Strandlien - January 26, 2024 at 12:42 AM

DB

“ my dad eugene bellefeuille built parts for the apollo 11 space ship an also built parts for the moon buggy,,, he served in the korean war. a true hero in my eyes. will miss you dad. love dana an debbie.

dana bellefeuille - January 25, 2024 at 08:26 PM

DS

So glad that your honoring your dad by getting the AMERICAN FLAG!! You served in the military and your father would be proud to have you be PROUD and hang that on our wall. SO PROUD OF YOU DANA!!

Debbie Strandlien - January 26, 2024 at 12:27 AM

JK

“ *My sympathies to Gene's family. I still have the doll cradle he made for me as a child. Eternal rest grant unto him and may perpetuate light shine upon him.* ”



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**Judi Kosbau** - January 24, 2024 at 02:54 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" W. Bellefeuille.* ”



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January 23, 2024 at 08:06 PM

CL

“ *Clyde L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene "Gene" W. Bellefeuille.* ”

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**Clyde L.** - January 23, 2024 at 08:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" W. Bellefeuille.* ”



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January 23, 2024 at 05:39 PM

TF

“ The Kohl family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene "Gene" W. Bellefeuille.

The Kohl family - January 23, 2024 at 05:39 PM

PK

“ Pauline Kastner lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" W. Bellefeuille



Pauline Kastner - January 23, 2024 at 03:46 PM

PK

I was able to spend an afternoon with Gene at his Lake house this last summer. Many laughs were had, which will be cherished❤️

Pauline Kastner - January 23, 2024 at 03:49 PM

JG

He was the best Uncle. Had a teenage crush on all his buddies. and remember him skiing at the lake with Grma and Grpa s cabin. Always was and will be my favorite Uncle. Always welcomed Jack and I when we visited in LF. He was a gracious Host.

Jack & Eileen Gau - January 23, 2024 at 05:01 PM

DB

“ me, mark and dad went to alaska one week halibut fishing,,, what a blast we got 300lbs of fish,,, froze,,, got some giant salmons,,, drank tequila an try to chase moose. lol was dangerous but oh my what fun it was. a trip of a life time. indeed. miss u dad, love dana bellefeuille

dana bellefeuille - January 23, 2024 at 01:18 PM

JA

“ JackieJaney lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" W. Bellefeuille



JackieJaney - January 23, 2024 at 09:35 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" W. Bellefeuille.



January 22, 2024 at 11:31 PM

DS

“ Had many great time with Eugene and his family. He always loved my cooking (Dana's too) So glad he was able to make it to our place a couple of times. I will miss him but know that he is in heaven and has joined his savior. You lived a good life dad. Rest in peace Gene.

Debbie Strandlien - January 22, 2024 at 08:02 PM

DB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dana bellefeuille - January 22, 2024 at 07:59 PM

DB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dana bellefeuille - January 22, 2024 at 07:58 PM

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Dana bellefeuille - January 22, 2024 at 07:56 PM

DS

“ Debbie Strandlien lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" W. Bellefeuille



Debbie Strandlien - January 22, 2024 at 07:45 PM

LD

“ Love you, Dana and Debbie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Eugene "Gene" W. Bellefeuille.



Love you, Dana and Debbie - January 22, 2024 at 07:33 PM

LD

“ Love yout, Dana and Debbie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene W. "Gene" Bellefeuille.

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**Love yout, Dana and Debbie** - January 22, 2024 at 07:33 PM