



Eugene "Gene" A. Nelson

November 9, 1919 - March 25, 2022

Eugene "Gene" Nelson, 102 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Friday, March 25, 2022 at the Little Falls Care Center in Little Falls, MN. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN with Rev. Tony Romaine officiating. Burial will take place in the Hope Cemetery in Eagle Bend, MN. A visitation will be held from 1:00-2:00 P.M. on Saturday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Caring for Gene and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. In Lieu of Flowers, Family prefers memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

Eugene (Gene) Arthur Nelson was born on November 9, 1919, in Eastern Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota to the late Arthur William Nelson & Stella Elizabeth (Miller) Nelson. He grew up near Eagle Bend, Minnesota and attended District #172 Country School. After completing his schooling, Gene worked for his father and neighbors farming and cutting wood. Then he worked for Otter Tail County for four years taking care of the country roads. Gene entered the U. S Army in Feb. 1942 and served in the European Theatre during WWII. He was a Staff Sargent Squad leader and was one of the first troops involved in the Normandy Invasion landing on Omaha Beach. Of the 200 men in the group, only 30 survived after the first couple of hours. Gene was part of Patton's Army group going through France until he was wounded. He convalesced in England and then taught scouting until his

honorable discharge on October 12, 1945. Gene was united in marriage to June V. Taylor on May 18, 1946 in Eastern Lutheran Church in Parker's Prairie, Minn. The couple lived in Eagle Bend, MN where Gene worked as a salesman for the International Harvester dealer until relocating to Little Falls in 1953. Gene worked for the Milt Johnson Pontiac car dealership for a year and a half. On January 1, 1955 he began working for Standard Parts (NAPA) until retiring after 28 years in 1983. Gene enjoyed traveling, square dancing and ballroom dancing in his free time. He was a member of the First United Church of Little Falls, Masonic Lodge Chapter 10 of St. Cloud, MN, Zurah Temple A.A.O.N.M.S of Minneapolis, MN. Gene was also a lifetime member of the Little Falls American Legion Post #46, D.A.V and the Randall VFW Post #9073. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Gene is survived by daughter, Virginia (Richard) Klitsch of Bloomington, MN; grandson, Mark Klitsch of Coon Rapids, MN; great-granddaughter, Julie Lynn Klitsch and great-great-grandson, Kaiden Michael Terrell.

Gene was preceded in death by wife, June Nelson on February 27, 1990; parents, Arthur and Stella Nelson; and brother, Donald P. Nelson.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

APR 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Eugene "Gene" A. Nelson

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ Gene was a good friend of my husband Keith P. Manbeck for many years. Gene was 3 months older than Keith, & they were both in WWII. Gene always had a story or a joke to tell. He had a gift of gab & a great laugh. He lived his life well & was always a joy to talk with. He will be missed.

Betsy Tepley-Manbeck

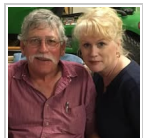
Betsy Tepley-Manbeck - March 28, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ Deb Pederson lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" A. Nelson



Deb Pederson - March 28, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ Judy Berger lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" A. Nelson



Judy Berger - March 27, 2022 at 10:16 PM

JH

“ Jerry And Julie Hollermann lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" A. Nelson



Jerry and Julie Hollermann - March 27, 2022 at 05:33 PM

JR

“ Gene, I will miss your smile, your stories and jokes and your wonderful laugh. May you rest in the Peace of Christ and dance with the Angels!

Judith Raftevold - March 27, 2022 at 02:00 PM

MR

“ Mary Jo Retka lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" A. Nelson



Mary Jo Retka - March 27, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ Laurie Venske Koll lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Gene" A. Nelson



Laurie Venske Koll - March 27, 2022 at 09:12 AM

NK

“ *Deepest sympathy to Gene's family. My parents knew Gene for years. My dad was a neighbor to Gene at Bridgeway. We had some great visits with Gene. What a nice guy!*



Nona Koester - March 26, 2022 at 09:44 PM

BA

I remember Gene as a dancing friend all the years. Also sold parts to my Dad in the garage.

betty anderson - March 28, 2022 at 08:51 AM

JL

I met Gene at the Randall VFW when we had a 90th Birthday Party for Gene and 4 other area folks who were 90 years old at that time. He was an unforgettable man and I enjoyed visiting with him ever since. What a wonderful personality. He will be truly missed.

John Loxterkamp - April 02, 2022 at 09:16 AM

KR

I remember meeting him at Esther cemetery a few years ago. He and my Dad Verner were 2nd cousins through David Nelson and Hanna Nilsson. I have their ancestry back a few generations. I live near Rose City. I hope to hear from 3rd cousin Virginia.

Kerwin Rosenquist - April 02, 2022 at 01:36 PM