



Gene R. Hedin

July 13, 1935 - September 11, 2012

Gene R. Hedin, 77 year old resident of Swanville, passed away Tuesday (Sept. 11) at his home. Funeral services for Gene Hedin will be held Saturday at 11 AM at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Swanville with Rev. Marty Porter officiating. Burial will be the Bearhead Cemetery near Pillsbury, MN. Friends may call Friday from 4-8 PM and Saturday from 10 AM until the service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Swanville. Arrangements are with the Shelley-Gibson Funeral Chapel in Swanville.

Gene was born July 13, 1935 in Pillsbury, MN to the late Louis and Mary 'Caine' Hedin. He grew up in Pillsbury, attended school in Swanville and graduated from the Swanville High School in 1953. Gene married Wilma L. Hartwig on May 28, 1958 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Swanville. He entered the US Army in June, 1958 and actively served until March, 1960. He remained in the US Army Reserve until his honorable discharge in June, 1962. Gene worked various jobs, including custodian at the Swanville School; working on the ore boats on the Great Lakes; driving truck for Peterson Trucking and working for Orrin Thompson building homes in the Twin Cities. In 1960, the couple purchased a farm in Culdrum Township where they raised beef cattle, chickens and hogs. In 1975, Gene purchased a school bus and drove bus until the spring of 2012. He was also employed at Gessell Feed Mill for many years. Gene enjoyed deer hunting. His annual deer hunting trips near Kelliher, MN developed into many friendships with the people from the area. Gene was known for his fabulous BBQ turkeys he made for special

occasions. Most of all, Gene loved spending time with his family, especially the grandchildren. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Swanville and the Swanville American Legion Post #313.

Gene R. Hedin is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Wilma; sons, Allen Hedin of Swanville, MN and Calvin Hedin of Little Falls, MN; daughter, Kathy Van Norman of Swanville, MN; son-in-law, Brian Menke of Sartell, MN; 8 grandchildren, Kyle, Chad & Kim Van Norman; Christopher, Mitchell & Stacy Hedin; Alex and Isaac Menke.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Sandy Menke; grandson, Matthew Hedin; brothers, Harold, Donald, Barney, Edward and Kenneth Hedin; a sister, Genevieve Caine.

Casketbearers will be the grandsons.

Honorary casketbearers will be the granddaughters.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Swanville
502 Berkey Avenue
Swanville, MN

Visitation

SEP **15.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

SEP **15.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gene R. Hedin



Lemieur Funeral Homes - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Gene R. Hedin

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ Kathy and family, I am soory to hear of the loss of such an important person in your life. From reading his obit I could tell he was loved by many. Healing prayers are sent to you and your family.##imported-begin##Jacqui Mathis Shoemaker##imported-end##

September 20, 2012 at 10:22 AM



“ Sending special thoughts and prayers from Saum to all of Gene's loved ones. He was a very special person and friend to many, most especially my dad and mom..Slim & Lillian Wolden. We shared tears over our memories of them when Gene was in Saum on Aug 12th. Now he is with them. Bless the many memories you all share. Ione and Jerry Smischney
And on behalf of Saum Community Club for the many years of turkey!###imported-begin###Ione Smischney###imported-end##

September 14, 2012 at 11:20 PM



“ Gene was a very nice guy. He always had a big smile always spoke to us. We send our sympathy to the family.###imported-begin###Norman & Annie Carlson###imported-end##

September 14, 2012 at 05:54 PM



“ I didn't know Gene very well,But I could always expect to see a smiling Turkey man at Mike Frenzel's shop...He will be missed,and my prayers go out to his family and friends.God bless you. Don Hufnagle###imported-begin###Donald J. Hufnagle###imported-end##

September 14, 2012 at 04:12 PM



“ To all the Family of Gene,
As everyone in the area knows. Gene was a wonderful kind hearted man. He will be remembered and deeply missed by many, who also probably have many great memories of him. Each one of our family members have at least one great memory that sticks out. From bringing him a fried egg sandwich in the mornings on the bus, to hunting experiences, bear for the Bear for he Bear Ass Pig feed, to stories shared with Alicia and Sam while working at Granny's and many more. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family.
Love
Missy David and family##imported-begin##Missy, David Gorka & Family##imported-end##

September 14, 2012 at 12:03 PM



“ Hey everyone my sympathy goes out to everyone of Gene Hedin's family and all that knew him. He and Wilma were my neighbors and great neighbors to have too. I'm really going to miss gene. He always said hi or wave to me no matter where I would see him. He was that kind of a guy with a great heart who I really am going to miss a ton. But at least u can rest in peace now with god now gene. U can go hunting any time u want too. May god bless your family during this difficult time and help them get through this rough time now and the rough times especially in the future. Love ya gene may u rest in peace with god forever.##imported-begin##Michelle Miller##imported-end##

September 13, 2012 at 11:38 PM



“ so very sorry to hear about gene. my thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. i would always special order gene his plaid shirts. i remember once when i was in swanville for my uncle palmer thompson's 80th b-day and gene stopped me in the street and said hey marla when you get home can you order me some more shirts! he was also good friends with my uncle tom donaldson from kelliher and once when he was in the north country he gave me some sweet corn. will always have fond memories of him. god bless!
marlaT###imported-begin###marla morris-l&m supply-bemidji,mn.###imported-end###

September 13, 2012 at 10:07 PM



“ please accept our sincere condolences for your loss. Gene will be genuienly missed by many, including us, he was a great man with a huge heart & love for people.

Mike & Regina Frenzel
Morris, Michelle & Maggie
Dominic
Scott, Tiffany, Toni, Joe & Leonard

Bert Gamble###imported-begin###Mike & Regina Frenzel###imported-end###

September 13, 2012 at 08:08 AM



“ Sorry for your Loss, I knew Gene when he was up in Kelliher. He and My dad Porky Hanks would sit and talk for hours!###imported-begin###Jane Hanks###imported-end###

September 12, 2012 at 09:33 PM