



Eugene Harold Rieck

August 11, 1928 - July 31, 2018

Gene Rieck was born in 1928 in Primrose, NE and passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at Life Care Center in Elkhorn. He was just shy of his 90th Birthday. He was preceded in death by: his parents, Albert and Irene Rieck; daughter, Debbie Rieck; brothers Ronald, Delaine and Dennis Rieck and son-in-law, Jim Mitchell. Gene is survived by: his wife of almost 65 years, Margie of Elkhorn; daughters, Denice Mitchell (Mark Lee) of Yutan, Doreen (Dan) McMahan and Dena (Brandon) Johnson both of Elkhorn; sister, Dorothy Young of Albion, NE and sister-in-law, Diane Rieck of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Gene grew up in Boone County, Nebraska where he graduated from Primrose High in 1946. He always told us he was in the top 10 of his class – there were 9 classmates! Gene was very independent and helped take care of his family on the farm.

Gene joined the Army in 1950 and was stationed in Korea. He often talked about his time in Korea and was very proud of his service. He had corresponded with Margie Saathoff while in Korea. When he came home from Korea in 1952 he looked her up. They were married at Zion Lutheran Church in Albion, NE in 1953. Life took them to Elkhorn where they began their married life. Then they moved to Albion where their first daughter, Debbie was born in 1954. Gene and Margie moved back to Elkhorn and that's where they've made their home ever since. Denice was born in 1957, Doreen in 1959 and Dena in 1961.

Gene drove straight truck and then semi-truck for Walnut Grove Products for more than 35 years and retired in 1991. He met many lifelong friends during his career and he always had a story or a joke to share.

Gene was actively involved in his community and served on the Elkhorn Volunteer Fire Rescue for 30+ years. The family remembers enjoying the firemen's picnics and the annual firemen's dance.

Tragedy struck the family in 1980 when Debbie was killed in an auto accident while on

vacation in Sacramento, CA. It was a difficult time for the whole family.

Gene and Marge and their family loved camping with their friends. Many weekends were spent at various lakes with Voss', Sachs', Sass', Fedde's and all their children. We even experienced an earthquake at Branched Oak Lake in 1986. Gene took his family on annual vacations. Memories were made in Detroit Lakes, MN, camping in the Colorado Mountains, a 2 week tour of Nebraska, traveling to Canada and Mexico, Disneyland in California and camping in the mountains of Oregon.

Once the girls were grown, Gene and Marge enjoyed traveling in their motorhome with Kenny and Donna Fedde and also traveled the United States with Bob and Mary Ann Hadan. They loved traveling and were saddened when a brain aneurysm in 1992 ended their motorhome travels. The doctors said he had a 1 to 2% chance of surviving and he showed us how strong he was. He knew there were grandchildren to play with yet. Gene and Marge were the primary babysitters for all 7 of their grandchildren. Each of the grandchildren have special memories of time spent with Grandpa. He will be greatly missed but we were blessed to have him for this long.

Grandchildren: Andrew (Susy) Rieck, Tina Peacock (Tim Eisenhauer), Damon McMahan, Tracy Boroff (Tony White), Travis Boroff, Taylor (Bryan) Daily and Stacy McMahan (Justin Kolb).

Great-grandchildren: Derek and Elena Rieck; Nash, Kinkade & Tyrus Peacock, Timothy Eisenhauer, Tyler and Nico White, Zane and Eden Daily, Haley Mata and Tyler Kolb.

Cemetery

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE, 68022

Events

AUG 3 **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM
Reichmuth Funeral Home-Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd. , Elkhorn, NE, US, 68022

AUG 3 **Family will receive friends** 05:00PM - 08:00PM
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AUG 3 **Masonic** 07:00PM
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AUG 4 **Service** 01:00PM
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Comments



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Eugene Harold Rieck.



August 04, 2018 at 10:15 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene Harold Rieck.



August 03, 2018 at 07:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugene Harold Rieck.



August 01, 2018 at 08:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eugene Harold Rieck.



August 01, 2018 at 06:34 PM



“ I will miss seeing and talking to Gene at Life Care when I go to see Laverne M. He may not have known me at times but he would give me a few words and sometimes a smile when I called him P Ball. Rick gave him that name when they bowled together for the Elkhorn Firemen and they always had a great time with lots of laughs and jokes. I remember what he said to my brother, Howie at the station when he had his brain surgery. He said "He had too many brains and the doctors had to take a few out". That is who your dad was and I am sure Howie and Joan could tell you many more funny stories. He also worked with my 2 brothers, Rudy and Wilbur down at the Walnut Grove Feed Company in Elkhorn. They had lots of laughs daily and a great time was had by all. He left lots of memories and jokes for all to talk about and enjoy. I know he is doing very well in heaven next to his Debbie. Make God Bless you all and give you peace. HUGS!
Marie & Rick

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