



Eugene Francis "Gene" Loeffler

January 12, 1936 - January 6, 2024

Eugene Francis "Gene" Loeffler was born on January 12, 1936, the son of Raymond Anton and Edna (Hood) Loeffler in Burwell, Nebraska. His earliest years were spent in a two-room house, in the middle of nowhere, without electricity, water or even firewood. He went to various country schools eventually moving to Missouri and graduating from Parnell High School. He was baptized in the Catholic church but spent his later years searching for the right Lutheran church after each move. At the time of his death, he was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn.

While in Missouri, Gene worked for a farmer for \$150 a month plus room and board. It was hard work but the farmer, Bill Welch, became a lifelong friend. Gene joined the United States Army the day after he turned 20 years old. He studied field radio repair in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, graduating second in his class, and then served two years in Germany. After 3 more years as an Army Reservist, he was honorably discharged in 1962. Gene got a job at Wilson Concrete and within a year was a foreman. He was a hard worker and a strict boss. In 1970, Gene went to work for Radio Engineering repairing radios. At the time, the company had only 10 employees. By the time he retired in 1989, REI had over 300 employees.

Gene married Lucille Rhoad Pascarelli on May 5, 1979. They lived in Yutan, Omaha, Forsythe, Missouri and Fort Dodge, Iowa. They enjoyed trips to

Florida, Missouri, and Minnesota to see family and friends or just taking their camper out for getaways together or with the grandkids. Gene loved living in Missouri where he could take his canoe out and fish as often as possible. He was quite the handyman for all the single female retirees around Forsythe. After returning to Nebraska to be near family, Gene decided to take on gardening. He even grew a watermelon patch in the middle of his backyard (accidentally) and patiently rearranged the patch when he needed to mow. Their current home in West Omaha was the 18th place Gene called home.

While he may have had a stricter, more orderly parenting style with his boys, he was a softie when it came to his four-legged kids. Patches, Bernard, Amity, Bailey, and Dolly were very much loved and a tad bit spoiled. He was a fun grandpa who loved to play card games, teach card tricks, and even share his method for solving a Rubik's cube (by taking it apart).

Gene was not one to ask for help for himself, but he could fix anything - usually with things he had around the house. While he most often fixed appliances and vacuums, he could always see items that needed repair, even though they looked fine to everyone else. When he wasn't doing that, he worked Sudoku puzzles. Gene loved to play cards. He was always a tough competitor in a card game, dominoes, or a game of pool, no matter who he was playing against. When it came to these games, he didn't take it easy on anyone, even family.

During casual conversation, Gene loved to get someone interested in one of his "stories" that just turned out to be his latest favorite joke. ("She was standing at the ATM and asked me to check her balance, so I gave her a shove!") He also loved to tell his age, but with a math riddle ("In 13 years I'll be 50 for the 2nd time"). Never shy to share his love, his family will forever cherish his parting "I love you more."

Gene passed away suddenly on Saturday, January 6, 2023, at his home in Omaha at the age of 87 years, 11 months, 25 days. Gene is preceded in death by his parents; son, Jim Loeffler; two sisters: Rosalee Loeffler and Carol Kochanowicz; and brother, Gilbert Loeffler. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Lucille of Omaha; sons: Wendall (Stephanie) Pascarelli of Yutan, and Mike (Lidia) Loeffler of Omaha; grandchildren: Alyssa (Andrew) Erwin, Thomas (Kayla) Pascarelli of Yutan, Alison (Ben) Baldwin, and Mark Loeffler of Omaha; step-grandchildren: Irvin, Uriel and Alondra Hernandez of Omaha, 6 other grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters Kinley Loeffler and Ainsley Baldwin, and many other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Family will receive friends

JAN 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JAN 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Eugene Francis "Gene" Loeffler*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - January 08, 2024 at 05:38 PM

JM

Heart touching service! Wish we could have been there with all of you! Darn weather! Love you all!

Jan and Bob Moen - January 12, 2024 at 05:10 PM

CN

I love and miss you with all my heart, Dad. I wish I would have been allowed to have a true and solid father/daughter relationship with you. No matter how angry I've been, I've never stopped loving you. Dee-Dee Bopper.

Courtney Blaire Nutt - August 28, 2025 at 07:03 PM

WO

“ *Lucille, I am so very sorry to hear of Gene's passing. I will never forget what a wonderful visit Rita and I had with Gene and you a few years back. You two were the best hosts ever and Gene shared some of his fun stories! He will be missed 💔*

Wanda Olson - January 12, 2024 at 01:11 PM

LA

“ *What a beautiful service, thank you for live streaming it. Sorry we couldn't be there, but we have been there in thoughts and prayers. We always enjoyed our time together playing cards or visiting! Gene was a great guy and will be missed. Love you Lucille, Linda*

Linda Althoff - January 12, 2024 at 12:09 PM

AS

“ *My deepest condolences to Lucille and to the family. Gene was truly a great neighbor. Praying for peace and comfort in the days, weeks, and months ahead. Angie (Krahmer) Sladek & Ron Sladek*

Angie (Krahmer) Sladek - January 11, 2024 at 10:31 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene Francis "Gene" Loeffler.*



January 11, 2024 at 10:08 AM

MB

“ *Lucille and family please accept our sympathies for the loss of Gene. Gene was such a Good Guy with a wonderful spirit who we will remember fondly. Thinking of you take care. Steven & Marla Boyd & family*

Marla Boyd - January 10, 2024 at 03:47 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene Francis "Gene" Loeffler.



January 09, 2024 at 04:39 PM



“ Love, Donna, Kristen, Kirk, Bria, & Mae planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene Francis "Gene" Loeffler.

Love, Donna, Kristen, Kirk, Bria, & Mae - January 09, 2024 at 04:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugene Francis "Gene" Loeffler.



January 09, 2024 at 03:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene Francis "Gene" Loeffler.



January 09, 2024 at 02:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugene Francis "Gene" Loeffler.*



January 09, 2024 at 10:41 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene Francis "Gene" Loeffler.*



January 08, 2024 at 06:08 PM



“ *Our heartfelt condolences to Lucille and families for the loss of Gene. Gene was Dan's boss for one short year when they worked at Wilson Concrete in 1966, before Dan was drafted. Then years later, we were reunited when both of our families lived in Yutan. Spending time with Gene & Lucille was always so much fun and full of laughter. Gene was always so warm to all, generous with his talents & time, and was absolutely "one of the good guys" in this world! Prayers for your broken hearts and asking God for His peace & comfort. I know you will treasure all your memories with him, just as we will too! We celebrate Gene's Homecoming with his Savior. Love- Dan & Sharon Josoff- Yutan*

Sharon S. Josoff - January 08, 2024 at 05:51 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene Francis "Gene" Loeffler.*



January 08, 2024 at 05:19 PM



“ *Kendra, McKenna, Ally, and Kayley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis Eugene "Gene" Loeffler.*

Kendra, McKenna, Ally, and Kayley - January 08, 2024 at 05:19 PM