



# Eugene 'Gene' William Ruby

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**E**ugene 'Gene' William Ruby, age 83 of Mystic, Iowa passed away Friday, December 16, 2016 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Gene was born on November 27, 1933 in Numa, Iowa, the son of Mettie William and Ocie Margarete (Thackery) Ruby. He graduated from Numa High School in 1952. On October 19, 1952, Gene was united in marriage to Connie Jean Brown in Numa and from this union of marriage, three children were born, Steve, Ronda, and Brenda. After high school, Gene began working at Alcoa. In 1953 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. Gene served his country faithfully and was honorably discharged in 1955.

Following his military service, he continued working at Alcoa into the mid 1960s. Gene then worked for a brief period of time at the Sinclair Station in Cincinnati. Subsequently, he accepted a position of employment with the Centerville Body Shop, a position he maintained for the next fourteen years. Gene then became self employed for a period of five years when he owned and operated a frame shop in Mystic. In his final fifteen years of employment, Gene drove a school bus for the Centerville School District.

As a resident of Mystic, Gene was extremely active in the community. He started the Boy Scouts organization in Mystic in 1964. Gene was also a past member of numerous groups, including the Mystic City Council, the Mystic Fire Department, and the Mystic American Legion, Post # 340. He was also a past mayor of mystic, as well as he protected the Mystic community as city marshal for five years.

Gene was an active member of the Dale Church for many years.

Gene possessed numerous hobbies and joys in life, including deer hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting, meat butchering, attending auctions, cooking, watching western reruns on the television, bead work, going to church, sitting on the porch with his dog Carmel, and accumulating numerous 'collectibles' throughout his lifetime. Most



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importantly, Gene enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of sixty four years, Connie Jean Ruby of Mystic; three children, Steve (Nancy) Ruby of Centerville, Ronda Ruby Sturms of Centerville, and Brenda Ruby Sowell of Centerville; a sister, Shirley Marie Nyquist of Milan, Illinois; five grandchildren, Mitch (Michelle) Cairns, Amy Ruby (Rod) Joiner, Brandon (Jacqui) Sturms, Nicole Sturms Stickler (Marty Muir), and Allison Sturms (Scott Hancox); seven great grandchildren, Michalyn Ruby, Brody Sharp, Alyssa Boehning, Jacob Cairns, Gradey Stickler, Max Muir, and Sam Muir; In-laws, Pat Sedgwick, Reta (Don) Havard, and Robert (Marie) Brown; as well as many nieces and nephews. Gene was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law, Ross Brown Sr; mother-in-law, Vera Brown; four siblings, Sharlene Ruby Jones, Harold Ruby, Arthur Ruby, and Donnie Ruby; nine in-laws, Carl Jones, Dan Nyquist, Billy Brown, Ross Brown Jr, Arliss Brown, Luetta Peel, John Peel, Denis Pfannebecker, and Larry Sedgwick; a son-in-law, Richard Sowell; and three nephews, Dallas Murphy, Clyde Peel, and Carl Peel.

Funeral services will be held at 1 PM, Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville with Pastor Gerald Campbell officiating. Burial will follow in the Numa Cemetery, Numa. A visitation will take place on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 from 11 AM- 1 PM. Memorials have been established to the Family of Gene Ruby and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com).

### Visitation

2016-12-21 11:00:00

13:00:00

Lange Funeral Home & Crematory

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 3:58 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 3:48 PM



**Norman & Kay Guffey** lit a candle in honor of Eugene.

Lit a candle in memory of Eugene 'Gene' William Ruby

December 19 at 7:00 PM



**Expression Of Sympathy** posted:

A Spathiphyllum was ordered on December 20, 2016

December 19 at 7:00 PM



**Norman & Kay Guffey** posted:

Our sincere condolences to Gene's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Vauncile Ruby Morrison (Buffy)** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. My kids and I were remembering the wonderful times we would have at your house when we would visit. They all said the best part of visiting Centerville was staying at your house and spending time with Uncle Gene. He was a wonderful man. We will all miss him. I pray God's comfort for you all in this time. Love you all Buffy.

December 18 at 7:00 PM



**Scott Smallwood** posted:

Gene was my scoutmaster and a wonderful role model. I went to school with Rhonda and Steve wasn't far off. Gene, you don't know the positive impact you had on me and I think of you often. I'm sure you're in a better place now because you lived your life here like we all should and I know you are being rewarded. Thank you for your guidance, and your encouragement. Although I could have lived without that winter camp out ;-). But like everything else you did, it too left a lesson that I haven't forgotten. RIP, friend. Rhonda, Connie, Steve and Brenda, please accept my condolences for your loss - Scott Smallwood

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**Expression Of Sympathy** posted:

A Garden Path Vase was ordered on December 19, 2016

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JF

**Jim And Sharon Belloma Family** posted:

Our condolences and prayers go out to the Ruby family Jim & Sharon Belloma

December 17 at 7:00 PM

NG

**Normankay Guffey** posted:

So sorry to hear of Gene's passing. We extend our deepest condolences to his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

December 17 at 7:00 PM

MC

**Mark Cochran** posted:

Dear Ruby Family Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of Eugene. I was saddened to learn of his passing. Eugene was a fixture in my youth as I grew up in the Mystic area back in the 1960's. When I was in the Boy Scouts, Eugene was my scout leader. Eugene cared about his community, and gave back to it where he could. May God comfort you now and always. Amen.

December 17 at 7:00 PM

LJ

**Linda Sharlene Jones, Niece Of Eugene William Ruby, Daughter Of Sharlene June Ruby Jones** posted:

Aunt Connie, Steve, Ronda & Brenda, I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Gene's passing. I feel so sad about our loss. But, with our loss, there is a heavenly gain. I can imagine Mom seeing Uncle Gene coming through those gates and her running as fast as she can to greet and hug him, just like when they were here with us. I can hear Uncle Gene laughing and running with her as she says to him, Come and see this! Let me show you that! I'm so glad to see you! I've missed you greatly!! Here is where Grandma and Grandpa live... let's go see them!! What a wonderful time they are having!! They were always so very close to each other and cared for each other a great deal and always had each other's backs against any adversity!! What a precious sibling relationship they had!! Someday, we will join them..... and share in that Reunion that is taking place now. I look forward to that day. But for now, my heart aches for our loss. I will be praying for you now and in the weeks to come. I love you, Aunt Connie, Steve, Ronda and Brenda. Please let me know if there is anything I can do. Linda Sharlene Jones

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KS

**Kathleen Murphy Sindt** posted:

I will miss you and to aunt Connie Brenda Rhonda and Steve I love you all and sending prayers for you guys to stay strong.

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JB

**John And Cindy Brown** posted:

RIP Uncle Gene. You will be truly missed. Thanking of you Aunt Connie, Steve, Ronda, and Brenda. Prayers to you and all the family.

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SN

**Shirley Nyquist** posted:

I will miss you until we meet again at our head table of our reunion. and coonie and kids you are in my prayers and love you

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LS

**Larry & Mary Shondel** posted:

Connie, Steve, Rhonda and Brenda we are so sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers!

December 16 at 7:00 PM

WJ

**William T Jones** posted:

God has gathered another angel to watch over us all. you will be missed Gene.

December 16 at 7:00 PM

LG

**Larry And Janice Gatrel** posted:

Connie and family we were sorry to hear about Gene. We no longer travel so cannot be at the service for our friend but we will be there in spirit. We pray our Lord will sustain you with his grace.

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DL

**Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson** lit a candle in honor of Eugene.

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RS

**Rennie Murphy Stephens** lit a candle in honor of Eugene.

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RE

**Rennie** posted:

love you uncle gene and you will be truly missed and say hi to my dad and brother in heaven.....

December 15 at 7:00 PM

JL

**John & Dixie Mallett - Lamantia** posted:

WE WILL MISS YOU DEAR FRIEND. YOU'RE IN A HAPPY HOME WITH YOUR LORD & SAVIOR. OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO CONNIE, CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. YOU WILL BE SO MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW YOU! REST IN PEACE.

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## Media

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