



## Eugene Beyer

December 29, 1927 - December 11, 2010

Gustav Eugene Beyer, 82, of Wadena, MN, passed away peacefully, on December 11, 2010, at Lakewood Care Center in Staples. Eugene was born to Gustav and Valeria (Porter) Beyer on December 29, 1927, and grew up on the family farm in rural Deer Creek. He was in the U.S. Army for two years, serving in the occupation of Japan. Upon return, he met Beatrice Laverne Erickson of Sebeka. They were married on October 22, 1949. He lived in Wadena, and worked at Cuddahay's Meats, Monarch Ice Cream, and Merickel Hardware. Farming was his true passion and in 1972 they purchased a farm eight miles north of Bluffton. That farming career was cut short by an advancing Parkinson's disease in 1985. By 1991 Gene was fully retired and they moved back to Wadena. His hobbies and interests were many and varied. Among them were carpentry, trout fishing, archery, angling, deer hunting, bowling, and taxidermy. His specialty was kindness. Eugene was an active member, Deacon, and custodian at the Congregational Church in Wadena, and a founding member of Blowers Chapel north of Bluffton. In his final years he attended Zion Free Lutheran Church in Wadena. He was a lifetime member of the Wadena VFW, serving in the color guard. Survivors include Beatrice, his loving wife of 61 years; sons Richard (Barbara) of Rosemount, Raymond (Dorothy) of Wadena, Rodney (Brenda) of North Richland, TX, Scott (Jill) of Jamestown, ND, and Darwin (Angie) of Wanamingo; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; brother Chuck (Ethel) of Wadena; and sister Marie Maatta of Alexandria. Gene was preceded

in death by his parents, one grandson Paul; three sisters; and one brother. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at Zion Free Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Jeremy Vance officiating. Military honors were provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, Mn. Pallbearers were Larry Olson, Tim Savaloja. Gary Savaloja, Jim Erickson, Greg Erickson, and Joel Erickson. Burial was in the Wadena Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Gene was not only a mentor to his sons, he was also a mentor to all their friends. His kindness and and calm approach to situations was of great value in molding the men we are today. He will be missed, but as with all great people, his legacy of life lives on in all those many folks he touched with his special gift.

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**Joseph E. .Brauch** - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ Truly, Gene was a gentleman, always a smile and a good attitude. We loved him deeply and will miss him so very much. We pray God's strength for his dear wife, Bea, a very special friend to us. Also, may Our Lord bring comfort from many special memories for their sons, Rick, Ray, Rodney, Scott, and Darwin. A really special family. He knew Jesus as his Savior so we have the promise of seeing him again - maybe sooner than any of us realize - thank you Gene for being a friend.  
Love & prayer . . . Paul & Mavis

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**Paul & Mavis Eiswald** - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I was saddened to hear of Gene's passing. I had the privilege of working with him at Merickles'. Although he was a quiet man, he always had a ready smile that was full of mischief.

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**Patsy Holmquist** - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ When I was 14, mom and I visited Grandma Beyer on the farm. It was a cold winter weekend. Gene drove out in the old green Chevy, and he and I went out and cut some firewood for Grandma's stove. Uncle Gene always treated me with kindness; I'm guessing he probably treated everybody that way, but it meant a lot to me.

I also remember staying with the Beyers, having some good Monarch ice cream with chocolate syrup, laying down in front of the TV to watch Bonanza or the Wonderful World of Disney. ("Not too close boys, you'll ruin your eyesight!").

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**Tim Savaloja** - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ One of my first memories of Uncle Gene is my parents and I going to visit him at the Monarch Milk plant. He would always greet us with the biggest of smiles and we could see that he was a very hard worker. His kindness was very clear to me every time we saw him as well, no matter where we would meet. He will be missed by us all. We Love YOU Uncle Gene!

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**Marge (Beyer) Haase** - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM