



Eugene Reger

August 4, 1926 - August 27, 2006

Eugene Frederick Reger passed away at his home on Sunday evening at the age of 80. Gene was born to his parents Fred & Ann (Richter) Reger on August 4, 1926 in Wadena. After serving as a paratrooper in the US Army from from 1946 to 1947 he returned to Wadena and started Reger Sheet Metal and Heating, where he worked until his retirement. He was united in marriage to Inez L. Swanson on Nov. 14, 1949 in Wadena. He has been a life long resident of this area. Gene was very active in his community. He served on the Wadena City Council, is a retired member of the Wadena Fire Dept.(27 years), a member of the Wadena Elks Lodge, the American Legion, Knob Hill Sportsman Club, Minn. Deer Hunters Assoc., and a past member of the Wadena Lions Club. In his spare time he enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling and spending time with his family and friends. Gene was preceded in death by his parents; son, David; granddaughter, Christine Gilster; brothers, Vern & Leo and his sisters, Marion & Evelyn Olson. He is survived by his wife Inez; daughters, Sandra (Doug) Anderson of Wadena, Jean (Roman) Mercier of Cannon Falls, Kathy of Isanti, Cheryl (Tom) Schrepfer of Robbinsdale, Nancy (Mike) Cunningham of Lincoln, Ill; sons, Thomas (Cheryl) of Wadena, Mark (Brenda) of Hibbing and Dennis (Jennifer) of Wadena; 19 grandchildren & 18 great-grandchildren; sister, Phyllis (James) Robinson of Centerville, OH; brother, Roger (Gerry) of Brooklyn Park; nieces, nephews and cousins. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, August 31st at 11:00 AM in the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Fr. Donald Wagner as

celebrant. Interment will take place in the Calvary Cemetery in Wadena. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be his grandchildren & great-grandchildren. Active bearers will be Mike Hammes, Rick Schwartz, Bill Heltemes, Brad Ellingworth, Jim Wynn & Mike Peters.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Our deepest sympathies go out to your family and friends affected by the passing of Uncle Gene.*

James & Phyllis Robinson - August 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ *Although we couldn't be there, please let everyone no that all our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.*

John, Teri & Sydney VanHorn - August 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *We are thinking of the entire Reger family...our prayers are with you all.*
I have such fond memories of Uncle Gene growing up...of him visiting and laughing at Grandma & Grandpa Olson's house. He will be greatly missed by all.

Jessie (Olson) Damm & Family - August 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *My sympathy to all of the Reger clan. Gene was a great guy. He came to the rescue of the Everett Kennedy family more than once during the night when the outside temperature was well below zero and the furnace had gone out. He climbed out of a warm bed to help us. He was a hero in my eyes. My dad, Everett, always got a kick out of visiting with Gene at the coffee shops in Wadena. Sometimes he'd have to go looking for Gene to pay him for his services...Gene didn't always get around to sending a bill...not quickly enough for Everett, anyway. Dad always liked to pay his bills promptly. Gene was kind to his customers. He served the community, his family and his country in many ways. He will be missed.*

You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Ellen

Mary Ellen Kennedy Kollodge - August 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM