



Eugene Roller Sr

December 7, 1931 - August 26, 2019

The funeral service for Eugene Roller Sr, of New York Mills, was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 31, at the Southbrook Baptist Church in Wadena, with Pastor Wendell Wahlin presiding. Visitation was held on Friday from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena, and resumed at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Surrounded by his family, Eugene passed away at the age of 87, on Monday, August 26, 2019, at his home near New York Mills, MN. He was under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Eugene was born to Albert and Leontina "Dena" (Hirsckorn) Roller on December 7, 1931, in Harvey, ND where he received his education. Eugene was united in marriage with Violet Schimelfenig on September 28, 1952, in Fessenden, ND. After several years of farming in North Dakota they moved to Hewitt, MN.

Later, they sold the farm to their son, and with Gene's love for farming, they moved to a farm near New York Mills. He had a passion for raising red and white Holsteins, and also operated Roller Dairy Supply. They had a winter home in Chadron, NE.

Eugene was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Dena; sister, Marlys

Olson; and son-in-law Edward Heikkila.

Surviving Eugene are his devoted wife Violet; children Gene (Brenda) Roller Jr of Hewitt, Ardis (Phil) McFarlane of Kansas City, MO, and Barbara Heikkila of Saginaw; 9 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; brother Jerry (Audrey) Roller; along with a host of neighbors and friends.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Brent Roller, Ryan Roller, John McFarlane, Seth Heikkila, Luke Heikkila, and Drew McFarlane.

Burial was in Oak Valley Cemetery, rural Hewitt, MN.

Cemetery Details

Oak Valley Cemetery

23047 County Highway 75
Hewitt, MN 56453

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482

Visitation

AUG 31. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Southbrook Baptist Church
1842 2nd St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

AUG 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

Southbrook Baptist Church
1842 2nd St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Tribute Wall

GD

“ *Gene & Mary Denny lit a candle in memory of Eugene Roller Sr*



Gene & Mary Denny - August 29, 2019 at 11:50 PM

SS

“ *Very sorry about the loss of your husband, father, grandfather, prayers go out to you all that love him dearly. God Bless.*

Sandy/Ray South - August 29, 2019 at 09:37 PM

NK

“ *Steve and Nancy Kimber*



nancy kimber - August 29, 2019 at 08:35 PM

DC

“ *Barb, Ardis and the rest of your family, Thinking of you at this difficult time.*



Dawn and Gene Captain - August 29, 2019 at 05:03 PM

DC

“ Dawn And Gene Captain lit a candle in memory of Eugene Roller Sr



Dawn and Gene Captain - August 29, 2019 at 05:00 PM

DT

“ Diane Teigland lit a candle in memory of Eugene Roller Sr



Diane Teigland - August 29, 2019 at 04:37 PM

BL

“ To Violet and family, I want to send my condolences to you all at the passing of Eugene. He spent many hours at our farm helping us with our dairy setup and improvements for so many years and just being a friend to all of our family. Whenever he was around there was a lot of laughter and story-telling with some teasing. We all shared some happy memories with him. I pray for God to console you as you continue life without him. Your family friend, Betty Lipinski



Betty Lipinski - August 29, 2019 at 03:34 PM



“ *Duane Sibert lit a candle in memory of Eugene Roller Sr*



Duane Sibert - August 29, 2019 at 07:55 AM

GW

“ *Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Eugene Roller Sr*



Glen Donna Wood - August 28, 2019 at 10:54 PM

NB

“ *Neal Leona Bowman lit a candle in memory of Eugene Roller Sr*



Neal Leona Bowman - August 28, 2019 at 07:53 PM

TD

“ *Tom & Connie Doll lit a candle in memory of Eugene Roller Sr*



Tom & Connie Doll - August 28, 2019 at 03:16 PM