



David Arnold Gengler

May 17, 1941 - February 6, 2025

Dave Gengler, 83, passed away on February 6, 2025. He was a beloved husband, father, uncle, great-uncle and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Dave was born on May 17, 1941 to Jeanette and Arnold Gengler in Plainview, MN where he spent his childhood on the family farm. After graduating from Plainview High School he went on to serve in the Army with the Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. After his discharge, he attended Rochester Junior Community College and then finished his Bachelor's of Science in Business at Mankato State University. After graduating, he began a 31 year career with IDS Financial Services/Ameriprise in downtown Minneapolis. Throughout his career, he was proud of his attention to detail, problem solving and persistence for customers, and a contagious sense of humor on the job. But more than anything, Dave was a loving father & husband. He enjoyed cheering on his kids and grandkids whatever they were doing from sports to academics to career moves - he was a proud father and grandfather and would tell anyone who would listen about them. He was always there to offer a pearl of wisdom, teach them something new, or just encourage them on their next endeavor whatever that might be. In his free time, Dave enjoyed gardening, woodworking, fixing things around his house, and quietly helping neighbors, friends and community members. He was an outgoing guy who loved chatting with whoever was around, often with a story or a joke to make them laugh. He was a man of many facial expressions to punctuate a joke that

was just over the line - he loved to get a reaction and get people laughing. Dave is survived by his wife, Jan, his children, Ben Gengler (Deanna) and Katrina Mezera (Rob), and his 6 grandchildren Sophia, Isaiah, Lillianne, Walter, Jackson, and Natalie, his sisters Rita Gengler and Lyn Mussaleum (Bob) and brother John Gengler (Rita), and many in-laws, nieces, and nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Arnold and Jeanette Gengler, his siblings Earl, Richard, James, Paul, Gerald, and Jerome Gengler and Virginia Lee.

A funeral service will be held on April 10 at 10:30 am at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Edina, Minnesota with a visitation the hour prior. A visitation will also be held on April 9th from 4 - 7pm at Washburn-Mcreavy Funeral Chapel in Edina, Minnesota. Internment Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 10 a.m. at St. Joachim Cemetery in Plainview, MN. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to VEAP Food Shelf in Bloomington, MN.

Immediately following the Mass at Our Lady of Grace, luncheon will be served. The family encourages everyone to stay and continue sharing memories.

Funeral Service will be streamed at : <https://youtube.com/live/u0Hb9q3bxPc?feature=share>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Visitation

APR 10. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
5071 Eden Avenue
Edina, MN 55436

Memorial Service

APR 10. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
5071 Eden Avenue
Edina, MN 55436

Luncheon

APR 10. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
5071 Eden Ave
Edina, MN 55436-2308
(952) 929-3317

Graveside Service

MAY 17. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joachim Cemetery
10th Street NW & 7th Ave NW
Plainview, MN 55964

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Diaz and Vickery Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Arnold Gengler.*



The Diaz and Vickery Family - April 08, 2025 at 09:03 PM

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“ *The Diaz and Vickery Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Arnold Gengler.*

The Diaz and Vickery Family - April 08, 2025 at 09:03 PM

JD

“ *I was sadden to hear of Dave's passing. He and I go back decades as Dave was my first boss at IDS/Ameriprise back in 1972. We hit it off from the beginning and worked on and off together for 30 years. We would always run into each other at some point during our work week. The last time I talked with him was just before Covid I believe. He came into Perkins in Golden Valley and joined me. Such an enjoyable time having breakfast together, talking about old times and everything else. He could still make me laugh and roll my eyes a time or two. My sympathies to his family. Jill Denbrook*

Jill Denbrook - March 04, 2025 at 07:00 AM

JG

Thank you Jill. Dave spoke often of all of you coworkers as friends.
❤️ *Jan*

Jan Gengler - April 19, 2025 at 12:11 PM

BH

“ We’ve always had such wonderful memories of visiting our cousins at the farm outside Plainview and David, especially, kept us laughing and enjoying our days and we all thank him for that!!
God Bless you, Jan, for always being there for him.
With love and sympathies,
Barbara (one of the Tarman kids) and Hank

Barbara Hernandez - February 14, 2025 at 07:44 PM

JG

Thank you, Barb & Hank,
Dave loved having his Tarman cousins come for a visit!
I have some special memories of our trip to California when we visited Aunt Leone and all of you...I believe “Little Al” gave us a ride up the coast after we visited with Dave’s brother Paul in San Diego.
Anyway, sending blessings to you and your family.

Jan Gengler - April 19, 2025 at 12:20 PM