



Eugene Robert Anderson

April 7, 1929 - May 24, 2024

Eugene "Gene" Robert Anderson, 95, of Coon Rapids, passed away on Friday, May 24, 2024, at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids. Gene was born in rural Kanabec County, on April 7, 1929, to Hilding and Ellen Anderson. He was a proud graduate of Ogilvie High School and attended Gustavus Adolphus College. He married Marilyn Rae Graber on July 19, 1952, in Hinckley, MN.

Gene had a remarkable career in the construction industry, dedicating his entire professional life to the building trades. Known for his exceptional skills, Gene could build or fix anything, earning him a reputation as a master craftsman. His work ethic, attention to detail, and commitment to quality were evident in every project he undertook. In travels throughout the state with Gene, the upcoming town was almost certain to spark a story of the time he had spent there and the construction project his hands had helped create.

Beyond his professional achievements, Gene was a passionate outdoorsman who lived by the mantra of family first. He cherished time spent at the family cabin on Bay Lake where fishing was one of his many loves. From his youth, he developed a sense of self-sufficiency and enjoyed both nurturing and sharing the fruits from his garden along with the bounty of the hunt or the fish. He took pride in the satisfaction he received from maintaining and caring for God's creation.

His character was defined by his integrity, kindness, and unwavering faith, which guided his actions and interactions with others throughout his life. Gene's warm smile and friendly personality could light up any room, and his empathetic nature made him a beloved figure to all who knew him. He was a gifted conversationalist who never let an encounter with a stranger pass without the sharing of a story or opportunity to cement a new friendship. He was always ready to lend a listening ear and offer support, demonstrating a deep understanding and compassion for others.

Gene was a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and he will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Gene is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marilyn; son, Robert; brothers, Roslyn, Curtis, Marbury, Virgil, Elwin, Vernon, and Theodore; and sister, Doris Oslund.

Gene is survived by his children, Ronald (Karri) Anderson, Rick (Sherry) Anderson, and Susanne (Steve) Franks; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, relatives, and good friends. He is forever in our hearts.

Visitation at Washburn McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd on June 11th From 4- 7 PM

Funeral service Wednesday June 12th at Faith Lutheran Church 11115 Hanson Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433 visitation 10:00 AM funeral service 11:00 AM

Family would be most appreciative of memories or stories of Gene you are willing to share in the space provided below. <https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/Eugene-Anderson-22/#!/TributeWall>

Cemetery Details

Rosehill Cemetery

Hinckley, MN 55037

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Visitation

JUN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church - Coon Rapids
11115 Hanson Blvd. NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Church Service

JUN 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church - Coon Rapids
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Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Graveside Service

JUN 12. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CD

“ *Stage Door's heart throb and Dad of Dads. We miss you Geno -- Always there for and with us.*



Curt Deno - June 08, 2024 at 06:59 PM

BB

“ *Bill Broeckert sent a virtual gift in memory of Eugene Robert Anderson*



Bill Broeckert - June 04, 2024 at 09:38 PM

MM

“ *I so enjoyed being a “cactus” with Geno. He was a wonderful human being and always positive and uplifting. God bless you all.*
Matt Maxwell

Matt Maxwell - June 03, 2024 at 06:03 PM

PE

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



PeterDamico - May 31, 2024 at 06:15 PM

JA

“ *Uncle Gene was always kind to me. He was special to me from the beginning, when he had me be his ring bearer at his wedding. I got to wear a tuxedo just like my uncle! I greatly appreciated talking to him over the phone in his later years. He was always upbeat with a positive attitude and had lots of memorable stories to tell. I will miss uncle Gene.*

Jerry Anderson

jerry anderson - May 31, 2024 at 09:30 AM

BB

Gene was absolutely the King of the Dancing Dads. I couldn't have loved him more if he were my own dad. Geno, I will always cherish the times we spent together!💙

Bill Broeckert - June 04, 2024 at 09:41 PM

SZ

“ *I will always remember how hard he worked at all the recitals he..never missed a beat..and I always waited for him to get on that stage and dance he was the Star of that dads groupand brought a smile to all of us.*

Shelly Zeto - May 30, 2024 at 09:09 AM

BB

Bill Broeckert Gene was absolutely the King of the Dancing Dads. I couldn't have loved him more if he was my dad. Geno, I will always cherish the times I spent with you. 💜

Bill Broeckert - June 04, 2024 at 06:34 PM