



## Walter E. "Gene" Brown

September 9, 2013

Brown, Walter E. "Gene" Age 78, of Matthews, NC passed away on Sept. 9. from heart failure. Walter was a 50 yr. member of the Masonic Lodge and a Past Master of Forest Lake Lodge in MN. He was a very creative person who enjoyed woodworking - making grandmother and grand- father clocks for his children, marquetry pictures and intarsia. His Christmas decorations in Normal, IL were legendary. He also worked with stained glass. Born and raised in Iowa, he joined the Air Force out of high school and learned electronics. From there he moved to Normal, IL and began working with IBM. He eventually became responsible for installing main frame computers across the county. He started his own company that took him and his wife to Africa and Europe. He had a wonderful sense of humor and the ability to talk to anybody. He is survived by Janice, his loving wife of 59 years; his children, William Brown, Richard Brown, Jeanette Carstensen (Duke) and Charlotte Matthews (Brad). In addition, he is survived by 8 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Private burial will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorial service will be Saturday, September 28, 2013 at 1 PM with visitation one hour before the service all at: [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter E. "Gene" Brown.*



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“ *Jan and family - I was so sad to see that Gene has left us. What a wonderful man - always fun to see and visit with. I think of you guys each Christmas as I bring out all my treasures that you made together - especially the train and nativity set. My thoughts and prayers are with you. The world has lost a great man!*



*Diane Rickhoff*

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