



Wesley "Gene" Strong

September 15, 2004

Strong Wesley E. (Gene) Strong. Survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Sharon Lee (Heisley); 7 children, Scott, Shannon, Tim, Sean & his wife Karen, Julie, Shari, and Flynn & his wife Brenda; 16 grandchildren, and another on the way; 11 great-grandchildren and another on the way. Born in Jolly, Iowa, raised in Lake City by his mother and father, Fred and Jeanne (Finley) McIntire. Survived by his sisters, Claudia Farrell and Susan & her husband Art Harms; sisters-in-law, Colleen and Thelma McIntire. Predeceased by his brothers, Denny and Tom McIntire; and brother-in-law, Orville. At age 16 Gene left Iowa and enlisted in the USMC. He served in WWII and the Korean War and was a member of the American Legion. He met Sharon in Parkers Prairie and they married in 1953. He and his family moved to Coon Rapids in 1959 and became active members of the community. From 1960 to 1962 he was a volunteer fireman. He was involved with CRAA at its inception and spent many years coaching. He also coached Little League. His later activities included driving for the CR Senior Center (Gene, Gene, the Driving Machine) and delivering Meals on Wheels. In 2002 he was recognized for his volunteerism by being chosen as the Anoka County Senior Citizen of the Year. Later in 2002 he was given the Melvin Jones Award by the CR Lions Organization. Most of his employed years were spent at Electric Machinery where he worked his way up the ranks to Foreman. He retired from EM after 36 years. He was a kind, caring, compassionate human being and his presence will forever be missed. A memorial service will be held in his honor

at First Baptist Church of Coon Rapids on Friday, September 17th at 7 PM.
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