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M yron Eugene "Gene" Poston, 82, of Decatur, passed away Friday, March 09, 2018 in his home with his family by his side.

Gene was born March 5, 1936 Cañon City, Colorado the son of Myron L. and Ethel (Bokay) Poston. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired from Iron Workers Local #46. Gene enjoyed fishing with his good friend Fred. He married Lisa K. Bendsen August 5, 1972.

Gene is survived by his wife Lisa, daughters Christy Dukewich, Carrie (Scott) Woodruff, and Candace (Jeff) Mathers, sister Norma Washburn, and grandchildren Olivia Woodruff and Clay Dukewich.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, brother James Poston, and son-in-law Mike Dukewich.

Private family services will be held.

Arrangements by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



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JS

Jim Simmons posted:

In 1956 Pueblo Junior College competed in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Basketball National Tournament, after finishing the 1955-56 season with a 24-7 record, and ended @ 6th in the nation. The team was led by Eugene Poston, who earned NJCAA Tournament Player of the Year honors despite playing for the sixth-place team. According to Gene's Hall of Fame Coach Harry Simmons (My late Father), "Gene was the single BEST all around player I ever coached." I am pleased & proud to have known Gene as a consummate Role Model and our sincerest condolences to his family. ~Jim Simmons, Green Valley, Arizona

May 13 at 11:45 AM

TS

Tim Simmons posted:

Depending on who you talked to, Eugene Poston might be the best basketball player to ever play in the national junior college tournament in Hutchinson (Kansas) where he was the event's most valuable player in 1956 despite playing on a sixth-place team. From the family of his Pueblo College coach Harry Simmons, Eugene's passing saddens us. Our father always say that Eugene was one of those "special" individuals that can be considered a "once-in-a-lifetime" player that a coach has the privilege of tutoring. He will always be remembered for his legendary play at Pueblo College where he led the Indians to two NJCAA tournament appearances in Hutchinson. More importantly, he will be missed by many as a good husband, father and friend. Jim, Tim, Marybeth & Martha Simmons

May 13 at 6:30 AM

CA

Cindy Armenta posted:

Norma and Family, we were very sorry to hear of your loss. I have heard many good stories of Gene. We loved your parents Myron and Ethel and heard many wonderful stories about all of you. We were very fortunate to have had them as neighbors and share in the memories. Cindy and Mark Armenta Pueblo, Co

May 2 at 6:31 AM

RM

Randel McGill posted:

Randel and Patrick McGill So sorry to hear about Gene. He was a great friend to our dad Ernie and he always had fond memories to share about him. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

April 29 at 2:59 PM



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CL

Caroline Strader Luellen posted:

NORMA AND FAMILY, GENE WILL LIVE ON IN PUEBLO AS ONE OF OUR BEST BASKETBALL PLAYERS. I KNOW HOW PRECIOUS A BROTHER CAN BE, AND HOW DEVASTATING IT CAN BE TO LOSE A CHERISHED LOVE ONE. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

April 29 at 6:04 AM

JH

James Hadden posted:

I was so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. I worked with Gene when I was an apprentice Ironworker back in 78 and 79. He was very good to me and taught me how to weld and use a cutting torch. We built a "catwalk" over at the west plant (ADM). I live in Wyoming, now, but every time I come to Decatur and drive by that catwalk I think of the good weeks I was privileged to work with gene.

March 15 at 5:10 AM

DP

Dorothy Phillips posted:

So sorry for your loss Lisa. Gene was a good and caring person he will be missed. Dorothy Phillips

March 12 at 10:30 AM

SW

Sue And Leon Wiseman posted:

Lisa and Family, we are so sorry to hear of your lose. Remember all of the good times. Sue and Leon Wiseman

March 12 at 6:59 AM

SN

Sarah Nance posted:

Lisa and family, so sorry for your loss. Sarah Nance

March 12 at 4:54 AM

RB

Rosemary Beyer posted:

We are saddened to learn of Gene's passing. We were good friends of Gene and Sue when we lived on East North St. In the early 60's. At present we live in St. Louis, MO. His girls played with our Downs son, Michael. Would love to hear from them. Sincerely, Ron and Rosemary Beyer

March 11 at 10:44 AM



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MW

Mike Whalen posted:

Not only was he a hell of basketball player, Ironworker and any thing he did.I admired Gene for his passion for life and how he cared for others.He brought others to a new level .Thank God for sharing Gene with all who was lucky enough to know him.May he rest in peace and all of his family

March 11 at 8:48 AM

JB

John Bleavins posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Myron E. "Gene Poston

March 11 at 7:02 AM

BJ

Bob Jacobs posted:

sorry for your lose Gene was fine man and good friend bob jacobs brookport il

March 11 at 6:51 AM

WS

William L. Steenblock posted:

Good co-worker, good guy.

March 11 at 5:59 AM

LN

Larry & Fritzie Nichols posted:

To Gene's family with so much sympathy. We were very old friends of Gene & Sue. Larry & Gene were ironworkers together from Local 46. A special name in our home. Thinking of you all. Larry & Fritzie Nichols 1341 State Hwy 128, Shelbyville,IL. 62565

March 11 at 3:04 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Myron by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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