



# Eugene A. Flynn

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**D**ECATUR — Eugene Anthony Flynn passed away on September 13, 2016 at Imboden Creek Living Center in Decatur. Gene was born in Neopit, Wisconsin on September 23, 1923. He was the sixth of seven children born to Elsa & William Flynn. All of Gene’s siblings preceded him in death.

Gene served in the army after graduating from high school and while in the army met the love of his life, Irma Rakowski while pen pals. They were married in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on June 12, 1948. Gene graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee in 1952. He and Irma moved to Chicago and he began working for the US Rubber Company. In 1955, together with his partner, Warren Kampmeier, gene purchased the Smith Tire Company in Decatur. Gene was active at Smith Tire until he suffered a stroke at age 84. Gene based Smith Tire Company’s business model on customer service and the company remains committed to honoring the strong customer service approach that meant so much to him.

A member of AMBUCS, Gene was an avid bowler, and his team won the Service Club League several times. He also enjoyed playing golf, and doubles tennis.

Gene leaves behind his wife of 68 years, Irma; sons, Tim (Ilene Seigel) of Montpelier, VT and T.R. (Susan) of Decatur; daughter, Trudy (Kevin Pendergast) of Alexandria, MN; granddaughter, Olivia (RJ) Thompson of Stowe, VT; grandsons, Jason (Jesse) Pendergast of Lonsdale, MN; Anthony Flynn of Troy, NY; Casey Pendergast of New Prague, MN and Erik Pendergast of Belle Plaine, MN.

Gene was a member of SS James and Patrick Parish. He was a big supporter of Catholic Education, particularly St. Patrick School and St. Theresa High School.

Gene was quick with a warm smile and a kind word. He was the “Mayor” at Imboden and always found ways to help as much as he could. He was a model for living life with optimism and appreciation for everything and everyone around him.

A memorial service for the family and friends is planned for a later date. Memorials



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can be made to the donor's choice.

The family of Eugene Flynn is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. View the online obituary and send condolences to the family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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MK

**Michael G Krause** posted:

I'm very sorry for your loss. He was a good man. Mike Krause

September 21 at 5:12 PM

RS

**Rick, Jacque Sloan** posted:

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES.

September 21 at 11:42 AM

LG

**Larry Grabb** posted:

So sorry for your loss. My family shared many social and professional experiences with Gene and Irma. May God Bless you all.

September 19 at 12:12 PM

LF

**Larry Foster** posted:

To the Family of Gene Flynn, Our very sincere condolences to the family of Gene Flynn. To Irma and T.R. and the entire Flynn family. Gene was a very good friend of my father Raymond "Fuzz" Foster. They were in AMBUCS together and bowled and socialized frequently. We are very sorry for your loss. Larry & Debbie Foster

September 19 at 11:10 AM

BB

**Betty & William Braun** posted:

To: Irma, Tim, T.R., Trudy & Family, Betty and I extend our sincere sympathy upon Gene's "passing". The Braun Family always had a lot of fun with the Flynn Family during the St. Patrick School Days. Gene always kept his positive and pleasant Irish smile even as he endured physical challenges. We will also miss Gene, but he is now in eternal happiness. Betty & Bill & Family.

September 19 at 4:08 AM

TH

**Timothy Hamilton** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Eugene A. Flynn

September 18 at 3:12 PM



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**Jane York** posted:

TR, Susan and family, so very sorry for your loss.our prayers are with you. Jane and Rex

September 16 at 2:02 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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