



Gene L. Meyer

February 12, 1930 - December 27, 2008

GENE L. MEYER, 78, of Bluffton, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Born Feb. 12, 1930, in Bluffton, to the late Alvie W. and Marguerite (Myers) Meyer, he was a 1948 graduate of Bluffton High School and graduated as a Mechanical Engineer from Purdue University. After serving his country for two years in the U.S. Army Engineer Corps in Washington D.C., Gene went to work for Franklin Electric in Bluffton, from where he retired after 41 years of service. He married Jane A. (Hench) on Oct. 23, 1971, in Fort Wayne; she survives in Bluffton. In 2000, he was selected as Wells County Citizen of the Year for being instrumental in the building of the new Bluffton High School. He loved the Bluffton schools, and served as a board member for 20 years. He served on the board of the I.C.E. Program at the schools. He was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church, where he served on the Council for Ministry. Gene was also a member of the John Purdue Club, an avid snow skier, and loved to play Bridge. In his early days, he was an Eagle Scout. In addition to his wife, surviving are his children, Nicole Meyer-Sprankles of Bluffton and Margaux (Theodore) Johnson of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Nicholas Gene Sprankles, Leslie Lucia Sprankles and Brigette Marguerite Johnson; brother, James K. (Nancy) Meyer of Tipton, Ind.; and many cousins. Funeral is 4 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church in Bluffton, with Rev. Cindy Osgood officiating. Calling is from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday at Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Preferred memorials to First We

Care Program at First United Methodist Church or Wells County Public Library. Online condolences may be sent to www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 29. 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Service

DEC 29. 4:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
325 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gene L. Meyer*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - December 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gene L. Meyer*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *May God bless you as you continue to journey through life with special memories of your loved one.*

I did not know Gene that well but had a few conversations with him when he was employed at F.E. He was ALWAYS so nice and helpful. His Tribute Video was so precious.

May you be blessed with peace in the days ahead.

Laura Payne

F.E. - Orange, CA

In May of this year, I will match Gene's

41 F.E. years.##imported-begin##LAURA PAYNE##imported-end##

January 05, 2009 at 01:53 PM



“ Just know that in a time like this, the most important thing you can do is lean on your family and friends, You have to know how many of us there are out here who love you all dearly and will be here by your side now and always. I am so sorry for the loss of a very special friend, husband, father and grandfather. And believe me- no one else ever called me a "Snorky Dork" like Gene did! The Buskey Family is here for you girls and you are always on our minds as we care for you so very much! Call on us anytime you want or need some company, 502-558-3445.##imported-begin##Beth (Buskey) Ayers##imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 02:36 PM



“ Dear Jane, Nikki, and Margeaux, I'm so sorry to hear about the death of Gene. May the wonderful memories of him as an extraordinary husband, father, friend, and community leader bring you peace as you mourn this loss. Sincerely, Lynn (Davis) Eplawy##imported-begin##Lynn (Davis) Eplawy##imported-end##

December 31, 2008 at 02:21 PM



“ We were saddened to learn of Gene's passing. We always enjoyed our times together at the bridge table. May memories of many endearing years together be of comfort to you, Jane, and to your family.

Our sincere sympathy,
Sheila and Arnie Kiefer##imported-begin##Sheila Kiefer##imported-end##

December 30, 2008 at 10:43 AM



“ Dear Jane, Nikki and Margaux, Peter and I send you our love and deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Marcia##imported-begin##Peter and Marcia Schmeckebier##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 09:14 PM



“ Jane and Family:

what a gracious and beautiful service you had for Gene.

You have been so blessed with so many great memories.

will keep you and yours close to our hearts. love, Dave and Marcene##imported-begin##Marcene##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 07:42 PM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with Gene's family during this sad time...

*Carole~
(a cousin)##imported-begin##Carole Mathys##imported-end##*

December 29, 2008 at 03:12 PM



“ We are thinking about you, your family and your loss. All our love and prayers.##imported-begin##Kristin & Patrick Goetterman##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 01:01 PM



“ Jane and Girls....No words can express the grief that we feel for all of you in the loss of Gene. We know what a close family you have always been and we hope you find great comfort in that with all the wonderful memories that you can share with each other. He will always be near you....you will all be able to feel him and his strength helping to guide you through every day life. Hold onto each other, keep God foremost in your lives. Gene is now with Him, in His glorious Heaven, and He and Gene will be looking down and comforting you. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. Remember that we are praying on our knees for you, so if you need to pray and would like a couple prayer partners, we are here for you ANYTIME you need us.If there is ANYTHING you need help with, please call us and we will do everything we possibly can to help you.You are in our hearts always. Love, Gary and Barb##imported-begin##Gary and Barb Dickson##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 10:43 AM



“ Dear Jane and family,

My condolences on your great loss. Gene was not only revered by his many relatives and friends, but also by members of the community, whom he affected daily with his positive citizenship. Bluffton has lost one of its all-time great neighbors.##imported-begin##Kent L. Speheger##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 10:27 AM



“ We were blessed knowing and working with Gene.##imported-begin##Allan Scott##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 10:24 AM



“ Dearest Jane and girls,

We were terribly saddened to learn of Gene's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

With love,

John & Marty##imported-begin##John & Marty Lindsay##imported-end##

December 29, 2008 at 07:53 AM



“ M and family...

My thought and prayers are with you and your family right now. Please know how much you are loved. It is never easy to say goodbye to those we love so much...

Love you so much.

Boo Boo##imported-begin##Becky Lance##imported-end##

December 28, 2008 at 09:44 PM



“ I'am so sorry about your loss, Jane and Family.. Gene was a very honorable person and respected throughout the community, He will be missed by all...

My Heart goes out to you all in this time of despair..

With much love,

Margaret###imported-begin##Margaret (Butler)

Velasquez###imported-end##

December 28, 2008 at 06:17 PM



“ *Jane & girls*

I cannot imagine your pain and suffering. Only God and time will help with that I am sure. If you every want to talk late at night I am up very, very late and am a good listener. God Bless and am keeping you all in my prayers.###imported-begin##Barbara Elliott###imported-end##

December 28, 2008 at 06:14 PM



“ *Jeff and I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to you and your girls in this very unexpected passing of Gene. Although I have lived out of state for 15 years, I haven't been as close to him as I would have liked, but I will love and cherish all the caring moments I shared with my Uncle Gene. I was always madly in love with him. When I was four or five years old he would take me for ice cream in Bluffton. I would sit up on my knees and put my elbow on the car window as we went down the street so I would look like I was his girlfriend. I think everyone felt special when they were in his company. Love Always, Cindy###imported-begin##Cindy and Jeff Parrish###imported-end##*

December 28, 2008 at 04:00 PM



“ Our hearts go out to each of you.
We will see you soon and will remain
"on call" at any time with friendship
and love as we all adjust to this great loss of the wonderful
Gene.##imported-begin##Maureen Butler##imported-end##

December 28, 2008 at 02:40 PM



“ No words can express our feelings for this tragic accident. You have
been in our prayers and will continue to be as you try to move
forward with your lives. We send our deepest sympathy and love to
your family.

So glad that we were able to visit with Gene in Defiance at
Thanksgiving. He will be sorely missed by everyone.

Love,

Bart and Jane##imported-begin##Barton & Jane Scott##imported-
end##

December 28, 2008 at 12:09 PM



“ Jane, You have my deepest sympathy and will be in my prayers.
Gene was a special person. Widowhood is one of the rites of
passage, I believe. If you would ever have need for comfort that I
can offer from my experience, I am in the Fort Wayne phone book.
God Bless##imported-begin##Carol Newell##imported-end##

December 28, 2008 at 10:35 AM



“ *Jane & Family,*

Our hearts go out to all of you. Gene was a great man who lived out his love for family, community and country. May God's amazing grace surround you all at this most difficult time.

Gary and Jenny Lewis##imported-begin##Gary and Jenny Lewis##imported-end##

December 28, 2008 at 10:29 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Gene. He was an honorable man and friend to everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Cinde, Josh, Stacey, and Jill##imported-begin##Cinde Heston, Josh Shanklin, Stacey, and Jill##imported-end##

December 28, 2008 at 08:48 AM