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Eugene A. Lutz, 83, of Clinton, died Thursday, November 27, 2008 at the Providence Medical Center in Waco, Texas. Funeral Services will be 11:00 am, Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be his grandsons Greg Tobin, Eric Tobin, Jesse Benavides, Jason Benavides, Brad Buikema, and nephew Steve Kehl. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be his granddaughters Kaylee Kissack, Tiffani Smith, Kristi Darsidan, Bobbi Fransen, Rebecca Lutz, Erin Adams, Jennifer DeLeon, Julia Hynson, and Brandi King. Visitation will be Tuesday from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the funeral home with a Rose Croix Service at 7:00pm Eugene Lutz was born March 23rd, 1925 in Clinton Iowa to Robert and Iva Anspach Lutz. He was the 2nd of their five sons. He attended schools in Clinton, graduating from Clinton High School. He joined the Navy in 1942 and was given a medical discharge. In 1941 he found the love of his life and married her. Hazel Outzen and Gene Lutz were married on February 19, 1944 and raised their family of five children in the house that they built together. Gene loved his wife dearly and treasured their children. He was tremendously proud of his 14 Grandchildren and 25 Great Grandchildren. For most of his adult life Gene earned a living as a heavy equipment operator. Working for Lewis and Lawson in the early years and for 30 years for Foley Construction. He retired from there in 1982. He took pride in the fact that he was involved in many major construction projects in Clinton and the surrounding areas. He worked on all of the temporary flood levee projects and helped to build the permanent levee protecting the City of Clinton. He built the original racetrack north of Carstensen's on Highway 30. He was involved in every major road project in the county. Gene loved life and wanted to experience as much of it as possible. Throughout the years he had many hobbies, from woodworking, painting and lapidary. He could set down to his piano or organ and play most



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anything. He loved to fish, camp, and boat. In his late sixties he took up golf and couldn't wait to get back out on the course. Gene and Hazel recently sold their home in Florida where they would spend their winters. He was very grateful for the lasting friendships he made while being there. Gene looked forward to his weekly visits to the "boats" with his close friends and coffee with his former construction buddies. He was a member of Western Star Lodge 100 and also a 32nd degree Mason with Clinton Scottish Rite. He was a member of Operating Engineers Local 537. Most of all, Gene was a loving Husband, Father and Grandfather and will be tremendously missed by his family and friends. He leaves behind his wife of 64 years, three daughters, Jeanne Benavides of Hewitt Texas, Shiela Buikema (Gary) of Clinton and Barbara Tobin (Joe) of Iowa City. Two Sons, Robert Lutz (Pattie) and Bruce Lutz (Dell) of Clinton. Fourteen Grandchildren and 25 Great Grandchildren, with another one due in February. Two Brothers, Harold "Red" Lutz (Mary) of Alexander City AL. and David Lutz (Joyce) of Cordova IL, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death his parents, two brothers and two great grandsons. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society or the Masonic Alzheimer's Association.



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JH

Jodi Haars posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. You probably don't remember me, I'm Bill's step-daughter. I'm the small dark-haired musical one, not the big blonde. I didn't get to spend much time with Gene, but remember him from Bill's funeral and the stories he told. I hope things will get easier for you in time and that you have good memories to cherish. Love, Jodi

November 26 at 7:00 PM

EL

Elaine Sites Lass posted:

Dear Hazel, Reading Gene's obituary Monday morning brought two emotions - first of all, the sadness of his passing; the second, the pleasure that so many of us have had in knowing him for so many years as a classmate and friend. The photo of him showed the smiles and humor he found in life and shared with those who knew him, wherever he was, hard at work or relaxing. He will really be missed by many of us "'43ers". He, and you, were always at our reunions, including the 65th in October. How blessed you are to have the large family to share in the wonderful memories and to comfort one another. I'm sorry we will not be able to attend the visitation and beautiful Rose Criox service. Our prayers are with you all. Love, and thoughts of you, Sincerely, Elaine Sites Lass and other friends from the CHS Class of 1943

November 26 at 7:00 PM

DH

Don And Shirley Harman posted:

Dear Hazel and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. What a lucky family to have Gene. We only knew him for a very short time but just fell in love with him. We know that he will be looking out for us from above and having a good laugh or two watch us learning the camping skill, he was a great teacher hope we can keep up with his lessons. what a great guy. Don and Shirley Harman

November 26 at 7:00 PM

SH

Susan (Lutz) Hunt posted:

Dear Aunt Hazel~I am thankful we were able to see you and Uncle Gene recently at Josh's wedding. Uncle Gene will be greatly missed! I have many good memories of him that I will always cherish. One always comes to mind at this special time of year. Every Christmas growing up, we looked forward to the "envelopes" on the tree from Uncle Gene & Aunt Hazel, not to mention the delicious can of chocolate covered almonds! It was always a special treat-May God surround you with His loving arms-Our love and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow-Susan (Lutz) Hunt and family

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JG

Jennifer Gideon posted:

Becky & Family--you & your family are in my thoughts and prayers...I'm so very sorry for your loss.

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LT

Landi (Kolsrud) Tichler posted:

My thoughts are with your family

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SW

Sheila Woodward posted:

An absolute pleasure to meet him a week before his passing. I am grateful for that day.

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GT

Gregory Tobin posted:

Grandpa,I love you, and I will miss you dearly. I believe God needed a great and loving man like you in heaven, and I will not second guess his wishes.Thank you for teaching me the love of family, music and nature. I will weep for you this week, but know I will celebrate your life for the rest of mine.Thank you Grandpa. I love you.I used to be frightened of dyingI used to think death was the endBut that was beforeI'm not scared anymoreI know that my soul will transcendIf I die tomorrowI'd be alrightBecause I believeThat after we're goneThe spirit carries on....Greg

November 26 at 7:00 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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