



Eugene "Gene" Carl Harnapp

December 20, 1941 - May 12, 2026

Eugene "Gene" Carl Harnapp, of Grand Island, NE, age 84, passed away on Wednesday, May 12, 2026, at 3:34pm at CHI St. Francis Medical Center in Grand Island.

Celebration of Life and military honors will be at St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Grand Island, NE on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 11am. Visitation will be at St. Pauls Lutheran Church one hour prior to services at 10am. Gene was cremated. Burial will be at a later date at the Omaha National Cemetery. All Faiths Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. Online Condolences may be left at www.gjallfaiths.com.

Gene was born December 20, 1941, in Spalding, NE to Carl and Gertrude (Henry) Harnapp. He grew up on the family farm at Spalding with his 2 sisters and was known as "Sonny" to everyone in the area. He graduated from Spalding Public School in 1959 and entered the Army National Guard in 1960 serving in the reserves for 31 years. He became a First Sargent in 1982 and was stationed in Grand Island and Lincoln. Gene loved being in the service and was so proud to say he was a veteran. Gene continued to also be a farmer along with serving in the military. He retired from the service in 1991 and from farming in 2008. Gene was united in marriage to Betty Hagedorn of Fremont, NE at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Grand Island on September 26, 1998. Gene loved being married and was very thoughtful.

Betty got flowers and gifts for every occasion. They lived on the family farm and in Grand Island until permanently moving to Kuester Lake in Grand Island in 2017.

Gene enjoyed having coffee with the guys, building things, golfing, activities at the lake, going out to eat, hanging out with friends especially on many trips to Mexico. He was really good at fixing things, often saying there wasn't anything he couldn't fix. Gene also loved fishing with his 7 grandchildren who fondly called him Papa and Grandpa Gene. He really liked going to their activities. His last activity was attending his granddaughter's Rotary Club Honor award 2 weeks earlier.

Survivors include wife, Betty; his 3 stepchildren whom he considered his own, Tamra (John) Rotter of Mesa, AZ, Michael (Stephanie) Hagedorn of Cedar Park, TX and Ryan (Erin) Hagedorn of Omaha, NE; 7 grandchildren, Lexi, Jackson, Charlie, Cooper of Cedar Park, TX and Tinley, Mackenzie and Brylee of Omaha, NE; sister, Carlene (Rick) Scafuri of Palatine, IL and 5 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Janice Loseke; brother-in-law, Lee Loseke; granddaughter, Hailey Hagedorn; brother-in-law, Dale Schlecht; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ron and Rose Lemke.

Many thanks to the staff at CHI St. Francis Medical Center, Dr. Isaac Berg and others for the wonderful care in his final days. Also special thanks to All Faith Funeral Home and St Pauls Church for their kindness.

Memorials are suggested to Kuester Lake in GI, St Pauls Church or military organizations.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Pauls Lutheran Church ELCA
1515 S Harrison St
Grand Island, NE 68803-6358
(308) 382-2973

Celebration of Life

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Galen&Beth Loseke , Hannah &Blake purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Eugene "Gene" Carl Harnapp.



Galen&Beth Loseke , Hannah &Blake - May 21 at 03:15 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Carl Harnapp.



May 21 at 10:56 AM

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“ Greg, Susan & Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Eugene "Gene" Carl Harnapp.



Greg, Susan & Family - May 20 at 11:29 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene "Gene" Carl Harnapp.



May 19 at 05:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eugene "Gene" Carl Harnapp.

May 19 at 05:19 PM



“ Connie, Tanya & Gary ,Shane & Niki, Kirk & Crissy, Lana & Brad purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eugene "Gene" Carl Harnapp.



Connie, Tanya & Gary ,Shane & Niki, Kirk & Crissy, Lana & Brad - May 19 at 04:34 PM



“ We always enjoyed our visit with Gene and Betty when we were in Grand Island. I remember the time Gene was so excited about showing us around their new home at Kuester Lake. We had a fun afternoon with Gene and Betty and laughed a lot. Gene was a good guy and Betty you were lucky to have him in your life. It was a pleasure to have know him. Dick & Dottie Olson

Dottie Olson - May 18 at 12:56 PM

BS

“ Betty and family, our condolences to you. I read "Sonny's" (that's the only name I knew him by) obituary and boy did it bring back some memories. My family met Sonny in Spalding in 1980 when my dad Joe was starting up a project raising pickles. My dad called it the Flying Pickle Ranch. We had an air planter to plant the cucumber seeds, and it was finicky to say the least. Like you said in the obituary he liked to fix things, and boy could he. He had a great mechanical mind and he was able to get that planter running. A few days later my brother Chris and I reciprocated and helped him work cattle at his place. He was a great guy who would help you out with anything. Thoughts and prayers. Bill and Denise Spelic

Bill Spelic - May 17 at 11:24 AM

JH

“ Betty and family. I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Gene. I remember meeting him years ago and he was great man. Sending you my deepest condolences. Love & prayers to you.

Jeff Hagedorn

Jeff L Hagedorn - May 15 at 02:59 PM

KE

“ Betty and family, May God give you all the strength you need in this sad time. Alan spent many years with Gene in the national Guards. I Knew Gene back from 1975. Have so many good memories he will be missed by all of us. We are sad we won't be able to attend his service as we live in Arizona. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Alan and Kay Enyeart

Kay Enyeart - May 14 at 09:00 PM