



## 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](http://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.

# Upcoming 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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