



## Francis Eugene "Gene" Navin

December 17, 1927 - January 10, 2012

Gene was born December 17, 1927, on the family farm south of Melrose, to Edward and Elizabeth (O'Connor) Navin. He was a 1945 graduate of Melrose High School. On July 2, 1966 he was united in marriage with Mary Jo Ryan at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose.

Gene was a lifelong grain and livestock farmer on their century farm. He clerked at the Russell Sale Barn for 30 years.

Gene was a lifetime member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, a member of the Knights of Columbus serving as Grand Knight in 1961, a member of St. Patrick's Parish Council, Church Trustee, and also served on the cemetery board for many years. Gene and Mary Jo enjoyed years of dancing, traveling, playing cards and spending time with family and friends. He was also an avid sports fan. Gene was a wonderful, generous husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Gene is survived by his wife Mary Jo, six children Mike (Brenda) Ryan of Melrose, Joann Flattery of Ottumwa, Bill (Larisa) Ryan of Ankeny, Mark (Amy) Ryan of Union Grove, WI, Kevin (Jenny) Navin of Cedar Rapids, Karen (Danny) Marsh of Lincoln, NE, twelve grandchildren, Jason (Marty) Ryan of Albia, John (Angie) Ryan and Stephanie Storm (Keith Goodrich) of Russell, Michelle (Chad) Willis, Stacie (Todd) Manary and Sean (Jackie) Flattery of Ottumwa, Heather (Steve) Fitzpatrick and Melissa (Brett) Stoulil of Norwalk, Hannah and Rachel Marsh of Lincoln, NE and Joseph and Jack Navin of Cedar Rapids, 19 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild, a brother

Jerry (Josie) Navin of Mystic, CT, stepbrothers Gordon (Shirley) Massman of Centerville, Laverne (Tina) Massman of Corydon and step sister Helen Printy of Mesa, AZ and many nieces, nephews, and brothers and sisters in law.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, stepmother Martha Navin, two brothers and one sister in infancy, and one grandson Alex Staroska.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM, Saturday January 14, 2012 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose, with Fr. Michael E. Volkmer C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will follow services in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Melrose.

Visitation will be held from 2 until 8 PM, Thursday, January 12, 2012 at the Tharp-Winfield Funeral Home in Albia. A rosary will be led Thursday at 4 PM, provided by St. Patrick's Altar and Rosary Society, with Gene's family present from 6 to 8 P.M.

Visitation will also be held from 2 to 8 P.M. Friday, January 13, 2012 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Melrose. A Knights of Columbus rosary will be led at 6 P.M. and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 7:00 P.M. with Gene's family present from 5 to 8 P.M.

Memorials have been established to Mount Calvary Cemetery, St. Patrick's Catholic Church or to Hospice of Monroe County.

# Tribute Wall



“ Francis Eugene "Gene" Navin

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ Francis Eugene "Gene" Navin

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ Dear Mary Jo, Mike, Joann, Bill, Mark, Kevin, and Karen...I just learned this sad news that Gene is gone. A wonderful man...I cherish great memories of Gene and your whole family growing up. My thoughts are with you. So sorry I didn't know sooner. God Bless and love to all. Phyllis and family

Phyllis Scieszinski Kearney - Byron, IL - Friend - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Thinking of you all and may you have comfort knowing that Gene is in a better place...Many thoughts and prayers going out to your family.  
Love,  
Angela Crall-Tratchel

Angela Tratchel - Albia, IA - Friend - January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ *Mary Jo:*

*Our entire staff at Shelton Law Firm, and we personally, have many and fond memories of Gene. We have good memories of Gene and Mary Jo and their enjoyment of dancing.*

*You have our most sincere condolences.*

*Bill and Barb Shelton*

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**Bill and Barb Shelton - Chariton, IA - January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

RI

“ *I have always known Mary Jo and Gene from growing up near Melrose. I won't be able to attend any services because I am recovering from a broken hip, but Mary Jo and family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Agnes Cleary Gergely*

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**Rita and Agnes Cleary Gergely - Eddyville, IA - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

CB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go to all of the family. We are sorry to hear of your loss.*

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**Chris and Stephanie Brown - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

BA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. Gene is in heaven with God will welcome him and take good care of him.*

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**Barb Vajgrt - Cedar Rapids, IA - John (Angie) Ryan's Aunt - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

CF

“ *Mary Jo and Family,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. What a classy man Gene always seemed to be.*

*You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time for all of you.*

*Carol Kenworthy Stewart*

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**Carol (Kenworthy) Stewart - Issaquah, WA - Distant cousin and friend - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

CN

“ *Mary Jo and family*

*So sorry for your loss My thoughts and prays are with you  
We wanted to come but will be unable due to a fall May God bless  
you and give you strength for the future*

*Love Cathy and Don Staroska*

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**Cathy Staroska - North Platte NE, NE - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

DL

“ *Just wanted to say hello and let you and the family know you are all in our prayers. You have our deepest sympathy. As difficult as it is to have Gene pass away, we know he is out of pain and in heaven with his family there. He is now with his Mother of whom he spoke of frequently and seeing her again. Take care, we will call you soon.  
Love to All.*

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**Darlene&John - Pharr, TX - Sister/Brother in law - January 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM**